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THE COLONY'S BUDGET. BIG REDUCTIONS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

NO NEW TAXATION.

EFFECTS OF THE STRIKE.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, His Excellency the Governor delivered his annual speech on the finances of the Colony, arising on the first reading of a Bill to apply \$18,767,777 to defray the public charges for 1926—a sum over six-and-a-half million dollars less than was asked for a year ago.

In view of the great public interest being taken in this year's Budget, His Excellency's speech will be found given fully below. The features of the Budget speech are:—

Income for 1925 expected to exceed estimate.

A deficit of about of two-and-a-half millions is budgetted for Colony's credit balance at end of this year is expected to be less than \$6,000,000.

Heavy cuts in expenditure for coming year.

No new taxation.

New gaol scheme at Ngau Shi Wan temporarily abandoned.

Military lands question shelved.

Times not favourable for loan raising.

Policy of retrenchment better than raising more money.

His Excellency, in introducing the Budget, said:—Honourable Members.—Contrary to my anticipation, it has fallen to me to perform the duty of placing before you the Estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Colony for the year 1926. Existing circumstances have made the task of drawing up these Estimates one of exceptional difficulty, and I must therefore crave your indulgence if they appear to be unsatisfactory and if my comments on them seem somewhat vague and nebulous.

An estimate of revenue is necessarily at any time a rather uncertain thing; it is at best, an expression of a belief or an aspiration. In the present case I cannot claim that it is anything more than a guess—whether a good guess or a bad one we cannot hope to tell until long after I have left the Colony. But before discussing this point further I will deal with some of the figures of the last two years in order to give a clearer view of the situation.

LAST YEAR'S FIGURES.

When the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the year 1924 were revised on the basis of the actual figures for the first six months of that year, it was anticipated that we should have to meet from our accumulated balances a deficit of \$2,217,000 and that our balance of assets on the 31st December, 1924, would therefore be reduced to \$13,750,000. The total revenue for the year 1924 amounted to \$24,209,640, being \$2,339,706 more than the original estimate and some three lakhs more than the revised estimate. There were increases under all heads, compared with the preceding year, with the exception of the railway and land sales. The total expenditure brought to account amounted to \$26,726,428, which was \$1,801,761 more than the original estimate and some six lakhs more than the revised estimate. The reasons for this increase were fully put before you when the Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance was submitted to Council. A further deficit arises in the Exchange Fluctuation Account of about \$340,000, with the result that we opened this year with a credit balance of just over 13 million dollars.

THIS YEAR'S PROSPECTS.

The year 1925 started well and the revenue up to the end of May was \$9,281,105, showing an increase over the proportionate part (5/12ths) of the estimate for the year of nearly \$200,000, and there was good ground to hope that the heavy deficit for which we had budgeted would be far less than we had estimated. Unfortunately at this stage we were, by the machinations of enemies from

corn of ours, and the result has been that our financial outlook has been very seriously affected. From the latter part of June onwards there has been a considerable falling off under most heads of revenue, though the position in this respect now shows signs of improvement. Owing, however, to the payment of death duties on several very large estates there has been an increase in stamp duties of over two million dollars which goes far to counterbalance the deficits in other sources of revenue, and it is hoped that we shall finally exceed our original conservative estimate for the year by some four hundred thousand dollars.

We are making every possible effort to effect economies, and it is hoped that the expenditure for this year will be less than the estimate in practically every department. It is, however, difficult to stop works in the middle and usually impossible to cancel contracts or countermand stores without heavy loss, so that we cannot hope to close the year without a heavy deficit. It is too early yet to attempt to give even approximately accurate figures, and I do not feel able to commit myself to any forecast beyond saying that in any case our balances are sufficient to cover any possible deficit this year and to leave us a margin which should enable us to carry on through the year 1926 without imposing additional burdens on the taxpayer unless the situation should become materially worse than it is at present.

END OF TROUBLES IN VIEW.

In framing the estimate of revenue for 1926, I have considered that I am justified in believing that conditions during at least the greater part of the year will be normal and I have therefore taken a figure (\$21,367,743) which is about half a million dollars less than our original conservative estimate for 1925.

I cannot believe that the intelligent people of Kwangtung—a race which has been famous for centuries for its commercial ability and practical sense—can be content much longer to put up with the oppression of a regime imposed from outside and supported by mercenaries from other provinces, and I think it is not being over sanguine to hope for the establishment of good order in the next. It is, however, obvious that such a return to sanity will not immediately re-establish trade on as good a basis as before. The harm which our enemies have done to us is not by any means negligible, but it is, of course, nothing compared with the loss and destruction which they have brought on the unfortunate

consequences cease to be felt. It is therefore necessary to proceed with the greatest caution, not to form too high hopes of the near future and to refrain from committing ourselves to costly projects until we are sure of our ground. If the situation clears up early, and if trade shows a greater recuperative power than I have thought it wise to assume, I hope that my successor will be able, in the course of the year 1926, to place before you a supplementary programme of public works which will make it possible to proceed with a number of the important projects which I have, to my great regret felt compelled to remove from the Estimates for the present.

Meanwhile, it is necessary to study the most careful economy and to leave unattempted many things which would be of great value to the community and which in other circumstances I should have felt justified in regarding as necessary. The expenditure for next year is estimated to amount to \$23,790,615. Each item has been carefully scrutinised and has been reduced as far as possible, and the total is less than last year's estimate by \$6,672,996 and less than the revised estimate by \$6,241,512.

The various increases and decrease in each department and the reasons for them are fully set out in the Sessional Paper which has been laid on the table.

CADET SERVICE.

The increases are due to stipulated annual increments, and salaries for two new Cadets. As regards the latter, the Secretary of State has been requested by telegram to cancel the appointments, if possible, but as no reply has yet been received, it is necessary that provision should be made.

JUNIOR CLERICAL SERVICE.

This is a new heading. It has been thought advisable for the sake of economy in time and labour, as well as to facilitate promotion and transfers of clerks between departments, to group the clerical staff under one head, as is already done with the Cadet Service. The distribution of clerks amongst the various departments is shown in Appendix I, from which the staffing of the different departments can easily be seen. At the same time I should mention that the order in which the departments appear in the Estimates has been re-arranged in a more logical sequence.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

After careful consideration and discussion with the Chamber of Commerce, it has been decided that the Statistical Department of the Imports and Exports Office should be abolished, as in present circumstances, the cost of it is out of all proportion to its utility. This will mean a saving of approximately \$44,000 made up as follows:—Salaries \$25,000, Printing and stationery \$17,000, and miscellaneous expenses \$2,000. The post of Supervisor has been dispensed with. The holder will be transferred to the post of Office Assistant and Accountant, which is falling vacant, in the Harbour Master's Department. There is a reduction of \$75,000 in the vote for the purchase of raw opium.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Provision is made for one new post in the Harbour Master's Department, that of Assistant Inspector of Junks and Cargo Boats at Aberdeen. It is anticipated that the creation of this new post will more than pay for itself by the increase in revenue from Aberdeen which will result. The Revenue Department launch No. 1 has been transferred to the Harbour Master's Department, and provision for the rescue tug must be made for a full year, instead of for the half year only as in the case of last year's Estimates.

In recurrent charges there appear to be large increases in the votes for fuelling, repairs, and stores for launches. The increase is, however, only in appearance and is due to a re-arrangement made in the interests of economy and efficiency. The Harbour

LOCAL ROBBERY.

FRENCH CONSULATE ENTERED.

The Chancery of the French Consulate-General, in the top floor, of Alexandra Buildings, was the scene of a robbery last night, which is supposed to have been committed between the hours of 7.30 and 9 o'clock.

A trunk in the outer office was forced open by breaking the staple of the lock, and a clock and \$65 in notes, were stolen.

A strange feature of the affair is that, with the exception of the removal of the clock and money, the other contents of the trunk were left undisturbed, and when inspected this morning showed the same arrangement as the owner had left them in. The envelope from which the money was taken was even replaced.

Examination of the door, by an officer of the Criminal Investigation Department, showed where the edge of one of the folding doors had been cut away in an attempt to reach the Yale lock on the inside. But the cut was a superficial one, and there is something suspicious in the fact that the cut was deeper on the inside. In any case, the lock could not have been reached through the narrow aperture afforded, assuming that the thief was the whole time working from the outside.

The robbery was committed at a time when the office cooler, who sleeps in the premises, is usually away for his evening meal.

Department launches in these respects and the votes of those departments for those items have been deleted.

Under special expenditure, provision has had to be made for chain for new moorings. There will be required so soon as shipping begins to become normal again, and should be got ready in advance. A sum has also been inserted for the renewing of buoys and chains of launch moorings. The motors of police launches Nos. 10 and 11 are past their work and provision is made for new ones. This is the more necessary as the normal programme of replacement of police cruising and harbour launches will be suspended for next year. No provision has been made for the upkeep of the four patrol launches, provided for purposes of anti-pracy work. Such work cannot be regarded as a proper charge on the local taxpayer, and though we were willing in order to ensure that action was taken to provide these launches, in the first instance at our own expense, leaving the question of the final incidence of cost to be decided later, we cannot in present circumstances afford to continue to pay out money for them. I may say that I have suggested to the Secretary of State that the sums which we have already expended on them should be repaid to us. I have not yet received his reply.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

Last year a sum of \$8,000 was voted for magnetic instruments and provision was made in Public Works Extraordinary for the erection of appropriate huts for their housing and use. The latter work will not be carried out, and as regards the instruments, the Crown Agents have been requested by telegram to cancel as much of the order as possible. Some of them were promised for delivery this autumn and a sum of \$3,000 has been inserted to cover the cost.

FIRE BRIGADE.

Whilst there are no increases in the personnel of the Fire Brigade excepting four motor ambulance attendants for the new motor ambulances which arrived this year, it is not considered advisable to make any reductions. The Brigade as at present constituted has no more than the minimum number of Europeans and Armenians necessary for efficiency.

POLICE FORCE.

The Police Force is more than

CANTON COUP.

THE ARREST OF A GENERAL.

OFFICIAL REASONS.

With regard to the detention by the Canton authorities of General Hsuing Keh-wu, of the Szechuan commander, it now transpires that General Hsuing was arrested on the 8th inst., under warrant issued by the Executive Council, and was sent on the same day to Whampoa for confinement pending trial by court martial. His alleged guilt was promulgated on the 4th inst., in a proclamation issued by order of the Executive Council, bearing the signature of Wong Ching-wai, Chairman of the Council. It is said that in the raid of the Headquarters of General Hsuing, at Kwong Ta Road, over twenty of his staff, including General Yu Chai-long, the commanding officer of the 1st Division of the Szechuan forces, were also put under arrest, and the bodyguards were "disarmed without resistance."

The proclamation setting forth General Hsuing's alleged guilt, which is counter-signed by C. C. Wu and Ku Ying-fun, starts off by citing certain circumstances which cast suspicion on the General, and then goes on to state that on his coming with his troops from Kwel-chow through Kwangsi into Kwangtung did not receive any orders from the Canton Government to do so, and consequently all his movements were kept under strict watch by the Tupas of Kwangsi, Li Chung-yan and Wong Shiu-hung, who apprised this Government by telegraph to be on guard, as they had grave suspicion of his evil design on Kwangtung. Following the telegram, they sent General Yu Chok-pak to confirm their telegraphic advice in person and to give full explanation of the reasons for their grave suspicion. The proclamation proceeds:—

"Notwithstanding this warning, the Government considered it would be a better policy to extend the pipe of peace first by sending General Tan Yuan-kai to welcome Hsuing Keh-wu and his troops, to offer both money, medicine and such other necessities needed after their long march from Kwelchow to Kwangtung, and at the same time to assign six districts—Lin Yuen, Lin Shan, Yin Yuen, Sze Wui, and Kwong Ning—for his troops to be stationed in, with power to collect and use the revenue to pay his troops with, and, if the revenue was not sufficient for that purpose, the Government would make good any deficiency. All these Hsuing Keh-wu accepted in good faith."

"On his arrival at Canton, Hsuing Keh-wu was given a warm reception by all the high officers of the Government who accorded him every attention and respect. Thus he was installed at Headquarters designated by the Government, and accepting all offers from the Government, all the suspicions of his evil designs should be relegated to the past. But the other day a man by name of Chang Sik-man was arrested in the city of Canton, who confessed himself an emissary of Chan King-ming and bearer of secret despatches exchanged between Hsuing and Chan, and made further confessions that Hsuing had accepted all the terms of Chan and that he would act accordingly. Furthermore from documents seized during the raid of Hsuing's Headquarters, there revealed more evidences of his culpability. These are quoted. The proclamation ends:—

"Working in league with such a widespread organization against the National Government, it is clearly a case of treachery. With men arrested as witnesses and with

UNDER SUSPICION.

ORDER FOR MAGISTRATE'S ARREST.

An order for the arrest of Cherk Yan-kee, ex-magistrate of Toy Shan, has been issued by the Military Council of the Canton Government.

It will be remembered some time ago General Chang Kai-shek ordered a detachment of the Cadet Corps to disarm the troops under the command of Cherk Yan-kee, the reason being that he was alleged to have taken part in the plan to overthrow the Government. Against this order he offered a strong resistance, but was overpowered and made good his escape. At one time it was reported that he was killed during the affray, as his whereabouts could not be located. It is now reported that he has arrived at a place of safety. It is likely that this news has called forth the warrant for his arrest.

SERVICES DECLINED.

BRITISH FASCISTS SNUBBED.

London, Oct. 7. Attempts by British Fascists to enrol as special constables have been abandoned in Liverpool, Wolverhampton and Manchester. A letter from the Chief Constable of Manchester to the commander of the Manchester Fascists was read before the Manchester City Council, declining the Fascists' offer to join the special constabulary. The Chief Constable said he was confident that Manchester citizens in the future as in the past would be ready to help the police in maintaining order in cases of emergency. A councillor suggested that a copy of the letter be sent to the Home Secretary to teach him how to maintain law and order.

A Scottish miners' conference at Glasgow has passed a resolution protesting against the Organisation for Maintenance of Services, opining that it, and similar organizations, will be used against the miners in the coming industrial conflict.—*Reuter*.

RUSSO-GERMAN AGREEMENT.

READY FOR SIGNATURE.

Berlin, Oct. 7. President Hindenburg has informed M. Chicherin that the German Ambassador at Moscow is authorised to sign the Russo-German commercial agreement.—*Reuter*.

"LAOMEDON" IN TOW.

PHEMIUS TO THE RESCUE.

London, Oct. 7. A message from Port Said says the s.s. Laomedon reports herself in Lat. 10.40 North, Long. 58.22 East, the steamer Phemius towing her at a speed of nine knots. It will be recalled that the Laomedon lost her propeller owing to a broken tail shaft.—*Reuter*.

evidences, such crime is unpardonable. The Garrison Commander is therefore ordered to effect the immediate arrest of Hsuing Keh-wu, the prisoner be kept under strict guard pending a court martial by the Executive Council; and all those who are known to be in collusion with him are to be brought to justice without delay. As regards the subordinate officers and men who are innocent of Hsuing's treachery, Generals Tan Yen-kai and Chu Pui-tek are ordered to take command of them and to enrol them under the Revolutionary flag.

GENERAL LEUNG SHOT? A report, so far unconfirmed, is current to-day to the effect that General Leung Hung-kai, who has been kept under detention for some

BATTLE REPORT.

REVERSE FOR CADET CORPS.

MORE ANTI-REDS.

It is reported that heavy fighting has taken place in East River sector, at a point near Lung Kong. The report goes to say that a regiment of the Cadet Corps were advancing on Tamsui, not far from Lung Kong, they were met by the "Yuet Kwan" (Chan King-ming's forces) and a severe battle ensued in which the Cadet Corps suffered defeat. The casualties, it is stated, were heavy, as it could be seen that the railway was kept busy in taking back from the front the wounded for treatment in the hospital at Tungshan.

This news, however, should be taken with reserve, as it is considered that the time, reckoning from the date of mobilisation to the time of the reported battle, is too short for it to be regarded as a big battle between the opposing forces.

MEN-OF-WAR AT SWATOW.

The allied forces of the anti-Reds will soon be augmented by troops under the command of General Fong Poon-yau and Yeung Chisung, from the Kwangtung-Kiangsi border, while the squadron under Admiral Yeung She-chwan, now stationed at Amoy, has received orders from the Ministry of Navy to proceed to Swatow to co-operate with Chan King-ming. It is reported that two men-of-war, Yung Chi and Kai Chiu, arrived at Swatow on the 6th instant, with 200 marines on board and that the officials of that port welcomed the Admiral when he landed at the jetty.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON VESSEL.

EUROPEAN KILLED AT ILOILO.

An accident at Iloilo, resulting in the death of Mr. D. M. Dallas, the Third Engineer, is reported by the master of the s.s. Bowes Castle, which has arrived in Hongkong from the Philippines port. The master states that Mr. Dallas was accidentally knocked into the No. 1 hold at about 10.30 a.m. on September 30th, and he died in the early morning of the following day. The deceased was buried at Iloilo.

JUNK'S ARMS.

PLEA OF SELF-PROTECTION.

The mistress of a cargo junk, defended by Mr. A. E. Hall, was charged, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, with unlawful possession of two rifles and 114 rounds of ammunition on board her boat at Wanchai on Tuesday. Mr. Hall, entering a plea of guilty, said that the woman had the firearms for protection whilst trading at certain river ports. On her previous journey her junk had been raided.

His Worship said he did not regard the case as an attempt to smuggle arms and imposed a fine of \$50 for breach of the ordinance in not obtaining a permit.

PRINCE'S HOMECOMING.

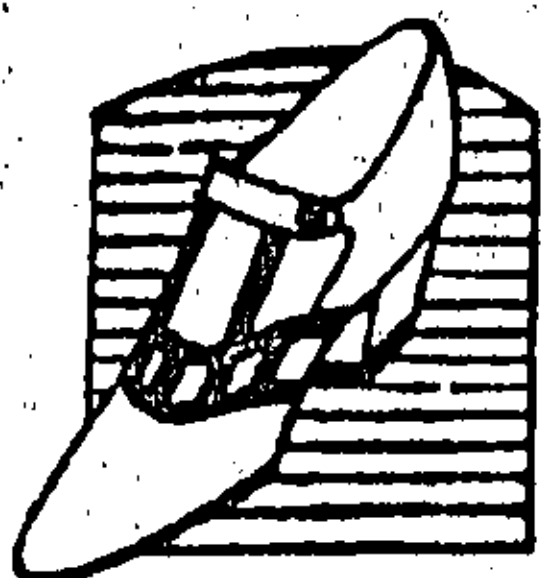
STATE RECEPTION ARRANGED.

London, Oct. 7. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, due at Portsmouth on October 16th, there will be a State reception at Victoria station, where he will meet by Their Majesties the

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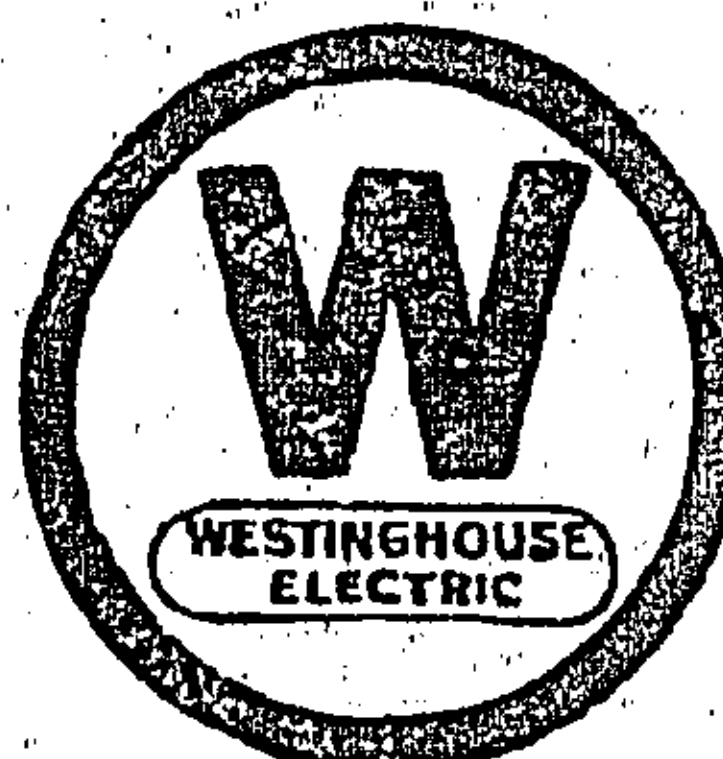
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EDUCATION BOARD.

SUGGESTED TEACHERS'
CONFERENCE.RETORT TO DIOCESAN BOYS'
SCHOOL.

A meeting of the Education
Board was held yesterday after-
noon under the chairmanship of the
Director of Education, Mr. G. N.
Orme. Members present were the
Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, Mr. B.
Wylie, Dr. Hickling, Mr. L. Forster,
Mr. E. F. Aucott, the Rev. Fr.
Valtorta, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. E.
el Arculli, Dr. T. W. T'ao, Mr. Wan
Mun-kai, Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector
of Schools) and Captain Watts.

The chairman mentioned the
revised estimates which had been
before the sub-committee and said
he would like to make a few re-
marks on the proposed reductions.
He knew members fully appreciated
the need which existed at present
for such economy as it was found
possible to make. They also found
an excuse and opportunity of re-
vision owing to the reduction of
attendance in Chinese schools.
Apart from that it was unques-
tionable that until matters improved,
drastic economy must be observed.
They had to bear some of the
burden, otherwise trade might stop
or they might have to close some
of the schools, which would be most
unfortunate from their point of
view.

Referring to the chief reductions
he said in the first place there was
a reduction in the number of British
masters which was really a reduc-
tion on paper for it was known that
there had been a shortage of
masters and this meant those who
would have come from England.
Temporary mistresses had gone into
the schools to give valuable help
to tide over the shortage which had
existed in the absence of those
masters who should have come out
from Home and their services had
been dispensed with.

Staff Reductions.

Steps had been taken, as had been
stated in the Press, to give notice
to all the temporary staff of mis-
tresses. On that point he must say
that, on that point of the estimates,
His Excellency considered they
would have to dispense with five
more mistresses and suggested that
the number of masters be further
reduced. He made further reduc-
tions with reluctance. The Board
would remember that if, as they
all hoped, there was an improve-
ment in the situation he hoped to
be able to repair this and other
ravages which had been made on
the estimates which the Board had
approved. For the moment they
had to base their expenditure on a
rather pessimistic basis.

In addition to giving notice to
temporary mistresses the staff had
been depleted by resignations of
some and notice had to be given
to other masters and mistresses in
their first three years probation,
in order to effect the economy re-
quired.

Continuing, the chairman said he
would like to refer to the coming
departure of Mr. Tanner whom they
all knew. He had done yeoman
service to the department and he
was sure members would wish him
to convey their good wishes for
health and happiness in his well-
earned retirement. (Applause).

Building Stopped.

Referring again to economies,
the chairman said there was also
a suspension of building grants,
for under the circumstances build-
ing could not be encouraged. An-
other reduction of a minor nature
was the elimination of prizes this
year. It might be a disappoint-

ment to the more energetic of the
scholars, but it was proposed to
issue certificates this year, which
had a great deal to recommend
them in place of prizes.

He hoped the economies effected
would not act as a set-back to the
progress of education in the Colony
and they must get the staff together
and infuse a good spirit into the
schools to make local education an
example to their more turbulent
and disorderly neighbours in Can-
ton.

Bolshevism.

It had been brought to his notice,
he continued, that there existed
anxiety in some places lest the
spectre of Bolshevism, which was
a threat and a menace to the peace
of the world, should have affected
the state of education in the Colony.
He did not know the extent of that
feeling. There might be fears that
the matter was regarded too lightly
but he had had at least one letter
making enquiry. The result of
close enquiry on his part made him
believe that the danger was prac-
tically nil. So far as the vernacu-
lar schools were concerned, both as
regards the staff and the pupils,
not a single one, to the best of his
knowledge, had taken part in any
Bolshevist movement in Canton.
There might be isolated instances
in the English schools, but he
thought there was little or no like-
lihood of the Colony contributing
anything to Bolshevism.

British Children.

Mr. Wylie: "Do I understand you
to say that since the sub-committee
had revised the estimates, His Ex-
cellency had made other reductions?"
The Chairman: Yes. His Ex-
cellency considered that if possible
further reductions in mistresses
should be made and he suggested
that five more mistresses should be
dispensed with.

Mr. Wylie: I only wish to ex-
plain that so far as the education
of British children is concerned,
I trust that through such reductions
their education will not suffer.
After all was said and done, this
trouble was not caused by us and
British children had not gone on
strike, therefore the Government
should see that British children do
not suffer.

The Board approved the reduc-
tions in the estimates.

A Teachers' Conference.

The chairman stated he had a
letter from the secretary of the
Committee of the Diocesan Boys'
School which had been circulated
to members relative to a suggested
conference of head masters. He
confessed he could not see that the
Board could do much in advising
on the matter. If the headmasters
wished to meet they could do so
and the Board could have no
objection to their meeting. He did
not suppose the Board was anxious
to express an opinion.

Mr. Aucott said he thought what
the committee was anxious to know
was, having put their ideas before
the Board, whether a conference
should be held on the lines which
they had defined and clearly laid
down in the letter.

Mr. Wylie's Objection.

Mr. Wylie said the chairman was
not present at the last meeting of
the Board but he did not think it
possible that the Board could agree
to a conference on the lines set out
in the letter. As was indicated by
Mr. Ralphs at the last meeting,
there was an organisation in
existence through which head-
masters could meet and did meet
at the University at least once a
year to discuss matriculation and
local examinations. Surely that
organisation could be the means of
producing another conference. But
the matter went a little further
than that. The letter did not
merely say, "Please may we have a

conference?" but they wanted a
conference on definite lines. Para-
graph "d" of the letter laid down a
list of subjects to be discussed
among which were school hours,
general examinations and Govern-
ment grants. None of them had
much to do directly with education.
He suspected it would be a meeting
at which much criticism could be
levelled at the Board, the Depart-
ment and the Government. He
thought that was the crux of the
whole affair. Certainly if teachers
wanted to meet and discuss educa-
tional subjects, all they needed to
do was hire a hall and get on with
it.

Mr. Wylie also drew attention to
the last paragraph of the letter
which asked for the sympathetic
consideration of the Board and if
there was any objection, to indicate
the lines on which the conference
might be run. He said one of the
unfortunate things he possessed was
a good memory and when he read
that last paragraph he went to a
file and disinterred a copy of the
55th annual report of the Diocesan
Boys' School. It was a wonderful
report, with an awful lot of infor-
mation not all applicable to the school.
It criticised Government grants in
a way that was neither prudent
nor tactful.

The "Ludicrous Board Meetings."

Another paragraph read:
"The ludicrous meetings of the
Board do not engender the respect
due to an educational authority nor
would they appear to further the
cause of education (laughter). I
refer especially to the last meeting,
to the meeting on the training of
teachers and to the report on
British education. If such a Board
can only be advisory with a Clerk
or with an Expert on education as
its Head, then it would appear to
be wise to ask advice from as many
Heads of schools and Assistant

Teachers as possible. For several
years now I have urged that an
Annual Conference of Teachers with
a duly appointed sub-committee
should be held. If the present
Board is not to be voluntarily wound
up it might be made more effective
if such a conference were held and
the sub-committee appointed by the
Conference made Members of the
Board or advisors to the Board."
(Loud laughter).

Continuing, Mr. Wylie said he
had to congratulate the Committee
of the Diocesan Boys' School on its
change of heart (laughter) which
was now evident from the last part
of the letter being discussed. It
seemed to him that the writer of
that paragraph did not need a
conference but wanted an audience.
(Laughter).

He took that first public
opportunity of referring to that re-
port. That was the spirit two years
ago and that was the spirit of this
letter at present under discussion.
He had much pleasure in moving
that the letter be laid on the table.

A Tainted Source But—

Mr. L. Forster said he did not
agree with what Mr. Wylie had
said. He thought in a matter of
this sort, what happened before,
ought to be obliterated. In English
towns there were associations of
the kind wanted here which held
their annual conferences at which
matters concerning education were
discussed. It did happen some-
times that Government inspectors
came in for criticism. He thought
there was little good in condemning
this in advance. This letter had
come from a source that was suspect
but it did not follow that the
particular school could control the
destinies of whatever was to be
held. He thought they should
encourage this suggestion to pool
knowledge, knowledge which was
gained by experience in teaching
and administration. If these meet-

ings took place he thought a good
deal of good would be done. He
thought they should give their
blessing and encouragement to this
unusual request which showed a
deep interest in educational matters.
It was hardly necessary to come
to the Board with the letter or, he
thought, the University might be
approached and would, he felt sure,
give all the facilities that were re-
quired for such meetings.

Matriculation Board Insufficient.

The Matriculation Board did not
fulfill the requirements of this con-
ference, for certain schools were
not represented on that Board.
This conference would be a much
bigger affair than the Matriculation
Board. He saw no reason why it
should not be encouraged.

The Chairman said the letter
might, as suggested, come from a
tainted source, might itself be pure,
but he thought it ought to be laid
on the table.

Dr. S. W. T'ao seconded the pro-
posal by Mr. Wylie.

Mr. Aucott said he thought one
important point had been over-
looked. This letter was from one
particular school. He wanted mem-
bers to eliminate all personal ques-
tions in considering it. At the
last meeting remarks concerning
it bordered on the facetious and he
thought what Mr. Wylie had said
was bordering on the personal.
This letter was from the committee
and referred to nothing else except
the conference.

A Committeeman's Voice.

Not only did the masters of the
Diocesan Boys' School but dozens
of others wanted a conference. He
thought there was no objection to
their holding their conference so
long as no Government official was
present. It seemed to him they
were bound to reply to the letter.

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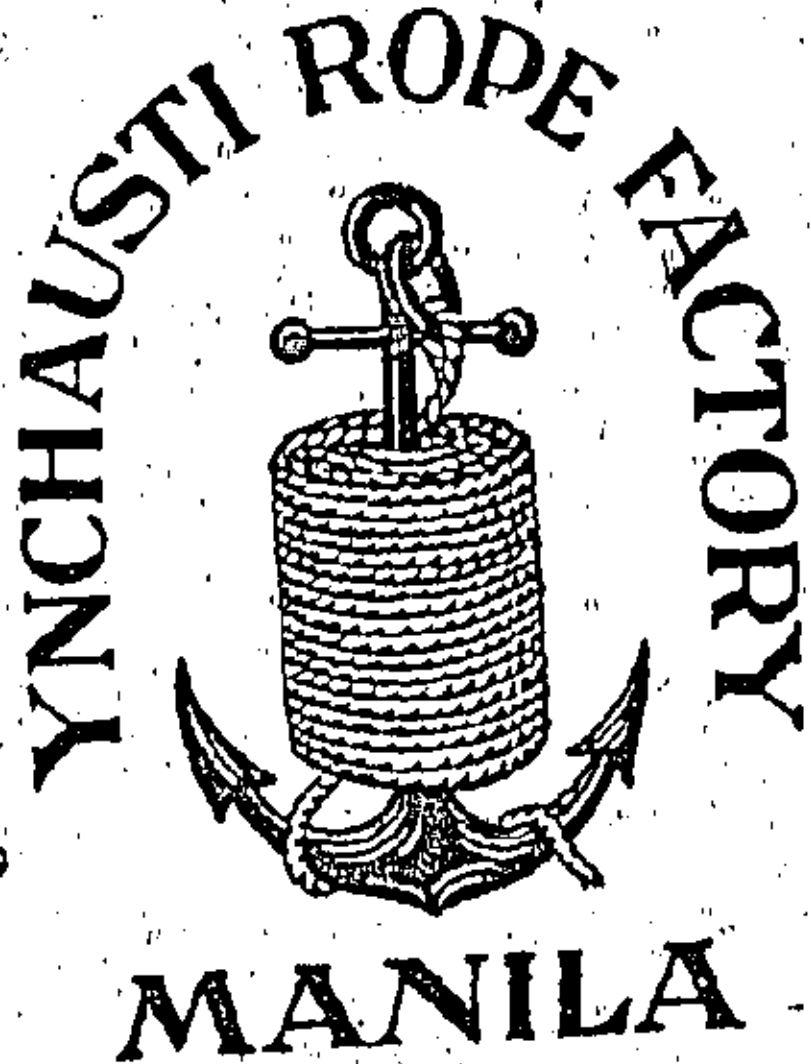
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE LOCARNO CONFERENCE.

Locarno, October 7.
A substantial part of the western security pact has been completed and it is expected that the jurists will add the finishing touches to-day, but the glass is not yet so fair in regard to other subjects to be considered and it must not be forgotten that all questions are inter-dependent.—*Reuter.*

Paris, October 7.
Newspaper despatches from Locarno foreshadow a tug-of-war with the German representatives, particularly on the question of the Eastern pact.

The *Echo de Paris* says that the optimism with which the conference opened has been replaced by greater reserve. It adds that it is beginning to be realised that the Germans will play an extremely keen game, and Poland and Czechoslovakia are apprehensive on that score and that France will not desert them.

L'Espresso says that the shadow of Russia dominates Locarno. The question is whether Germany is looking west or east. "According to this question is answered affirmatively or negatively, the Locarno pourparlers signify the commencement of the reconstruction of Europe or the inauguration of a dubious situation, heavy with peril for the Allies."

Le Journal's correspondent says that French circles in Locarno declare it to be inadmissible that the proposed pact will suppress or weaken existing treaties. Should Germany try to go back on the engagements into which she entered, in the course of the negotiations before the conference, the responsibility will rest entirely with her.—*Reuter.*

STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, October 7.
On the stock exchange, despite a slight reaction in commodity prices, excitement in rubber shares continues. Buying this morning is said to be coming from all quarters and prices are soaring. The recent large gold withdrawals from the Bank of England, it is believed for America, are owing to the usual autumnal payments and exchange adjustment and are without much effect on gilt edged securities in view of the fact that large arrivals are expected shortly from Africa which are held up by the shipping strike. Yesterday withdrawal reduced the net influx since the restoration of the gold standard in April to £2,166,000 as compared with £8,651,000 earlier.—*Reuter.*

ANCIENT SETTLEMENT IN LABRADOR.

Halifax, October 7.
The steamer Peary, the aeroplane carrier of the Macmillan Arctic Expedition has arrived. Mr. Macmillan when interviewed said he believed the discoveries in Labrador would prove conclusively that the Norsemen settled America before the arrival of Columbus. He declared he had discovered one settlement about 1,500 years old.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE MOROCCAN CAMPAIGN.

Madrid, October 7.
Heavy rains have prevented the continuance of the combined Franco-Spanish cavalry operations in the Melilla sector. The activities during the past twenty-four hours were mainly confined to air-raids.—*Reuter.*

THE FORGERY CASE.

EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION CONCLUDED.

The Prosecution's case against Wong Man-wai, who is charged on three counts of uttering forged documents, was concluded before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Sub-Inspector A. J. Dorling gave evidence of arrest of the defendant, who was at the time engaged in the General Post Office, as a postal censor.

On the interpreter entering the box to give evidence of a statement made by the defendant in answer to the original charge, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, for the defence, objected to the admission of the document, on the grounds that the charge was not the same as that on which the defendant was being tried before the Magistrate. It was further faulty in that the dates were incorrect and the number of shares in respect of the China Light and Power Co. was also erroneous. A very important discrepancy was the omission of the words "with intent to defraud." The fact that part of the charge was erroneous rendered the whole charge faulty.

After consideration, his Worship, ruled against counsel and admitted the statement, which was to the effect that the transfers were not

CHINESE MINISTER TO LONDON.

COURTESY TITLE OF AMBASSADOR.

Peking, October 7.—A mandate appointing W. W. Yen as minister to London with the courtesy title of "ambassador" will be issued to-night or to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

forgeries but genuine. His Worship said that there was also the question regarding the admission of the evidence of Mr. H. Birket, whose testimony was given from entries in his office Share Register.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, for the Crown, said that he did not claim that the book was admissible but did claim that it could be referred to by the witness in order that he might refresh his memory.

His Worship decided against the Crown and said that as the evidence was already on record it would not be obliterated, but he could not take Mr. Birket's evidence into account.

The case for the prosecution having closed Mr. Jenkin submitted that there was no *prima facie* case against him on any of the three charges of uttering.

His Worship said he would consider Mr. Jenkin's submission and adjourn the case till this afternoon.

EDUCATION BOARD.

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His position was a little different to other members as he was one of the committee of the school in question. He could tell the Board that this suggestion was put forward in all good faith and in the hope that it would assist education in this Colony. They wanted to know whether the conference would be good in the eyes of the Board or not. It seemed to him desirous that these matters should meet together and discuss questions which affected education.

He proposed an amendment to the effect that the Board had no objection to the holding of such a conference but that no official attend. He thought the Board could have no objection to teachers meeting to discuss purely educational matters between themselves.

Mr. Wylie: I quite agree. Continuing, Mr. Aucott said there should be no discussion of matters affecting Government control or grants. The Board might discuss what the conference should discuss. Mr. Foster seconded the amendment.

Mr. Wylie said he agreed with Mr. Aucott when he said that educational matters only should be discussed and what they might or might not discuss should be defined. That being the amendment, he

SHANGHAI ENQUIRY.

An Ordinary Trial.

Shanghai, October 7.—The judicial enquiry opened at the town hall this morning, the American Judge J. Finley Johnson presiding. Judge Johnson emphasised that the proceedings would approximate an ordinary trial as far as possible, but not in all respects, for according to the Commission's understanding there was no prosecutor and no defendant. The Commission's duty was to collect relevant evidence and prepare a report on the facts, and base their conclusions thereon.

The procedure being decided the Commission adjourned until the 13th when the Municipal Council present, a statement of the whole case and call witnesses, whereafter independent witnesses will be heard.

The Chinese ignored the proceedings, but Chinese pressmen attended. A strong police guard was posted around the hall.—*Reuter.*

would ask permission to withdraw his proposal.

The amendment, that the Board had no objection to teachers arranging a conference for the discussion of academic matters was passed unanimously.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

SCOTTISH COMPANY.

Reel Club will meet for practice as usual on Wednesday, 14th instant, at 5.45 p.m.

Hallow-e'en Dinner. Members intending to be present are reminded that names, together with list of guests should be sent in to Sergeant A. Grant Simpson, M. C., Chartered Bank, before 10th instant.

No. 7 (City) Platoon, will parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 15th instant, at 5.30 p.m., for Squad and Arms Drill Dress, Muff, Rifle, Belt, Bayonet.

Sports.—It is essential that intending competitors from No. 7 Platoon send in their names promptly to facilitate selection of entrants. Platoon entries must be made on 21st instant.

RUGBY.

CLUB TEAMS.

The following have been selected to represent The Club v. H.M.S. Hermes to-day.—Stewart, Mackenzie, Bowler, Gardner, Lamert, Summers, Ralph, Foster, Smith, Moodie, O'Connor, Millar, Andrew, Billinghurst, Curwin, Ground, Hongkong Football Club, kick-off, 5.15 p.m.; Referee, D. Fitzgerald.

The following have been chosen to represent The Club v. H.M.S. Ambrose on Saturday, October 10.—Gawler, Burns, Somerfelt, Plummer, Lamert, Morrison, Gordon, Foster, Millar, Smith, Curwin, Lee, Groves, Ralston, Focher.

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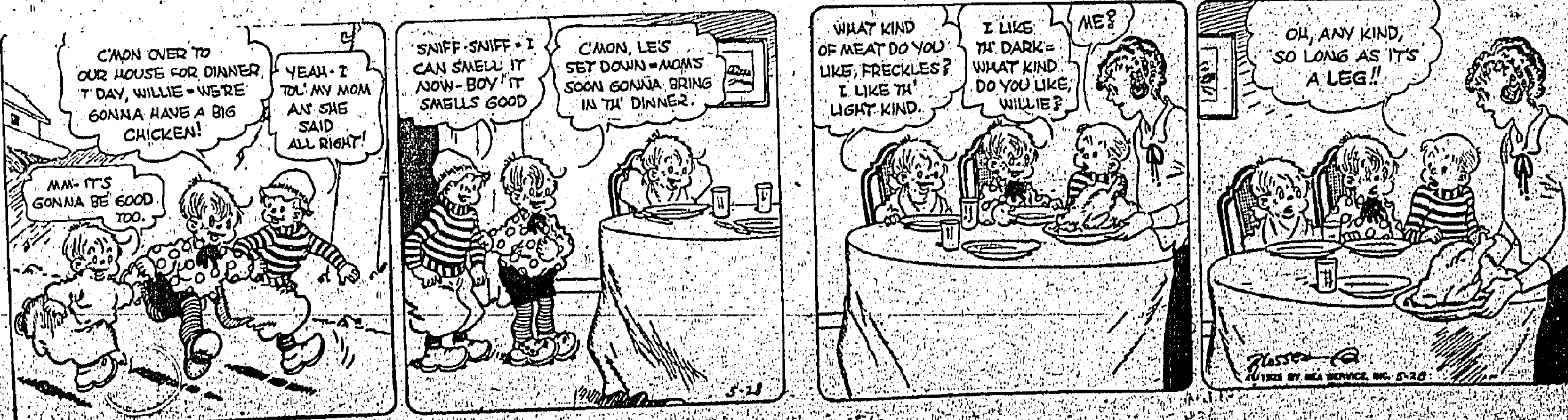
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Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Notice is hereby given that the date of the last Extra Race Meeting of the Season advertised for the 5th day of December 1925 will be held on 28th November next instead.

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RUBBER DEPUTATION.

WANT RESTRICTION ABOLISHED.

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The claim that the Stevenson rubber restriction scheme has now served its purpose and ought forthwith to be abolished, was made by a deputation of the India Rubber Manufacturers' Association, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, the Royal Automobile Club, the Commercial Motor Users' Association, and the British Motorcycle and Cycle Manufacturers' and Traders' Union, at a two hours conference at the Colonial Office.

The Hon. W. G. Ormsby-Gore, who received the deputation, assured them that he would fully represent their views to Mr. L. C. Amery, who was personally giving attention to the rubber situation.

—Reuter.

BASEBALL.

WASHINGTON BEATS PITTSBURGH.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 7.

The Washington Americans have defeated the Pittsburgh Nationals in the first game of the world baseball championship, by 4 to 1.

—Reuter.

"TREVESSA" TROPHY.

The fourth bi-annual race for ships' lifeboats will be sailed on Wednesday, October 28 next, starting at 4 p.m.

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Hongkong, October 7, 1925.

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THE EDUCATION BOARD.

Sir,—Mr. Benjamin Wylie seems to have forgotten that some of the meetings of the Board of Education have been ludicrous and that most people would agree with the Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School when two years ago he described their meetings thus with a fearlessness and a truthfulness of which we see too little in this Colony. Incidentally, Mr. Wylie indirectly pays the Headmaster a compliment in appearing to be afraid of him. Why should the Board be afraid of criticism? Mr. Wylie himself has criticised it in the past. Is it perfect now? I only wish to mention three ludicrous things in connection with the Board viz:

(1) Mr. B. Wylie, Dr. T. W. Pearce and Mr. N. T. Teesdale Mackintosh (late Registrar of the Hongkong University), three Members of the Board, solemnly and definitely recommended, as a Committee appointed by the Board and in an official Report to the Government, that a Secondary School mainly for children from Kowloon and Taikeo should be built in the Botanical Gardens.

No comment is needed.

(2) Mr. B. Wylie himself complained that a Sub-Committee of the Board of Education had been "stamping" (the word is not mine) round the schools for quite a long time when they had no authority to do so. When the Sub-Committee visited the Diocesan Boys' School, the Headmaster allowed the members to go round the school but pointed out that they had no authority to inspect schools. As a result of his action, the Board was eventually duly authorised by H. E. the Governor to inspect schools.

In this matter the Board is indebted to the Headmaster. The Board made themselves appear to be ludicrous and were helped out of their position.

(3) At the last meeting of the Board the Chairman asked for "Light, more Light". The Committee of the School have apparently supplied the "light" and now Mr. Wylie complains that this is not a request, "May we have a conference?" but was a Conference on definite lines.

From what has appeared in the Press the Committee made a dignified request for a Conference and asked the Board's advice on the matter. The Board asked for something definite; they got something definite, and still democratic Mr. Wylie complains.

In conclusion, I beg to ask that the definite lines on which the Conference was suggested and that the correspondence on the matter should be made public.—Yours, etc.,

FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

Hongkong, Oct. 8th, 1925.

STOLEN WOOD.

OBSTRUCTING A FOREST GUARD.

Alleged to have assaulted a forest guard, who had arrested a female villager of So Uk for being in possession of twelve piculs of pine wood, a man from the same village appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning and was convicted on a charge of obstructing the forest guard, his Worship not being satisfied with the evidence of assault.

The defendant was fined \$25 and the woman, who was charged with possession of pine wood, was fined \$10, plus the value of the wood, which was \$12, or, in default, one month's imprisonment.

THE JUMPY FRANC.

MUST BE STABILISED.

Paris, Oct. 7.
In connection with the recent fall of the Franc, the Ministry of Finance denounces as "purely speculative" the recent operations on the Paris and foreign bourses, which resulted in a rise of several points for various foreign currencies. It announces that the Government will use its credit arrangements with Morgan for the purpose of stabilising the Franc.

—Reuter.

MACAO RACECOURSE.

A NEW SITE PROBABLE.

It is reported (says the *Diario de Macao*) that satisfactory progress is being made with the arrangements in connection with the Racecourse at Macao. The interested Company has been in negotiation with the authorities and there seem to be hopes of official sanction of the leasing of the large area of reclaimed ground beyond Arela Preta on the east of the Barrier Gate to the Company. Negotiations have been proceeding for some time and at last some definite proposals will be made public. We hope to be able to give this information to our readers at an early date.

The area is ample for all the needs of the Company, and if anything, better than the site first proposed. The track will be exactly one mile round and there is plenty of room for stands and other buildings on the outside of the course. The centre of the course will be devoted to playing fields as in other parts of the world.

MOROCCAN WAR.

ALLIES JOIN HANDS.

Fez, Oct. 7.
The French and Spanish cavalries effected a junction in the region of Jebel Buhadur.—Havas.

Fez, Oct. 7.
The French and Spanish cavalry joined up at Jebel Buhadur, a district north-east of Syah. This marks the development of a wide encircling movement designed to cut off a slice of Rif territory eastward of the Ajdir-Kiffane line.

The French infantry continues to advance northward up the valley of Chaoula towards Ajdir, despite very rainy weather, which is now changing to fine.—Reuter.

U. S. LABOUR'S REPLY.

NO ASSOCIATION WITH RUSSIAN AGITATORS.

Atlantic City, Oct. 7.
The position of the American Federation of labour with regard to the Russian labour movement was vividly indicated in the reply of Mr. Green, president of the American Federation, to an address by the M. P. Mr. Purcell, representative of the British Trade Union Congress, who criticised the Americans as the slowest in accepting the new social and political ideas, and hoped the American federation would send delegations to Russia and establish close fraternal relations with the Russian workers.

Mr. Green, amid the greatest enthusiasm thereupon announced that the American federation never affiliate itself to the present Russian labour movement. He added: "We are unwilling to pay the price of casting in our lot with a class that would destroy us if it could."—Reuter's American Service.

RACE DIFFERENCES.

CHURCH CONGRESS DISCUSSION.

London, Oct. 7.
A crowded meeting of the Church Congress at Eastbourne discussed race problems. Lord Willingdon declared it an imperative problem, to be solved by peaceful methods, not by a clash of races, which would be the most ghastly tragedy the world had ever known. The only practical solution was to treat coloured people with a spirit of absolute equality with the whites. If we wished to continue our associations with, and influence over, countries which the whites had developed, it must be by not arrogating to ourselves any race superiority.—Reuter.

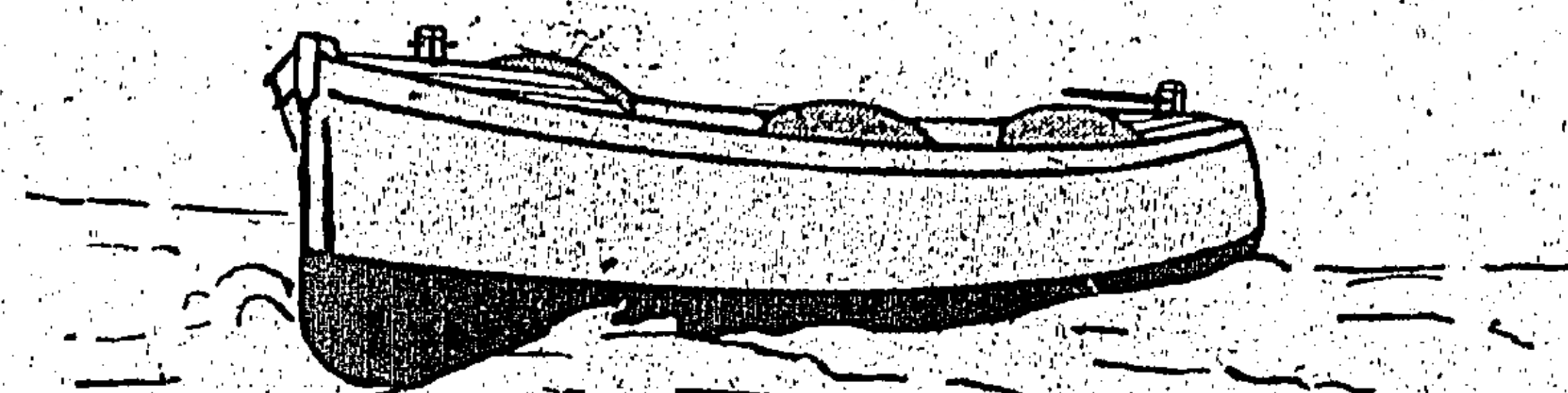
FRENCH GOLF TITLE.

MASSY BEATS COMPTON.

Chantilly, Oct. 7.
Arnaud Massy has won the French open golf title, defeating Compton of North Manchester, over a thirty-six hole reply, by 148 to 160 strokes. Both the

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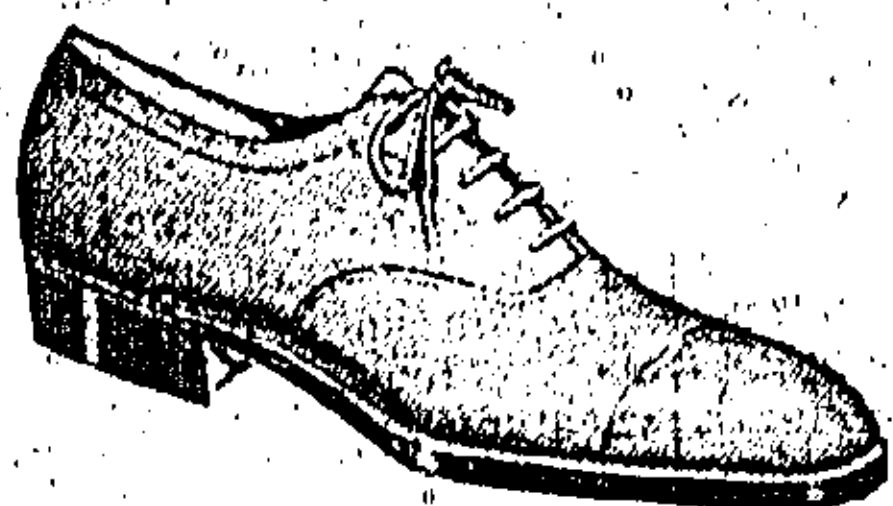


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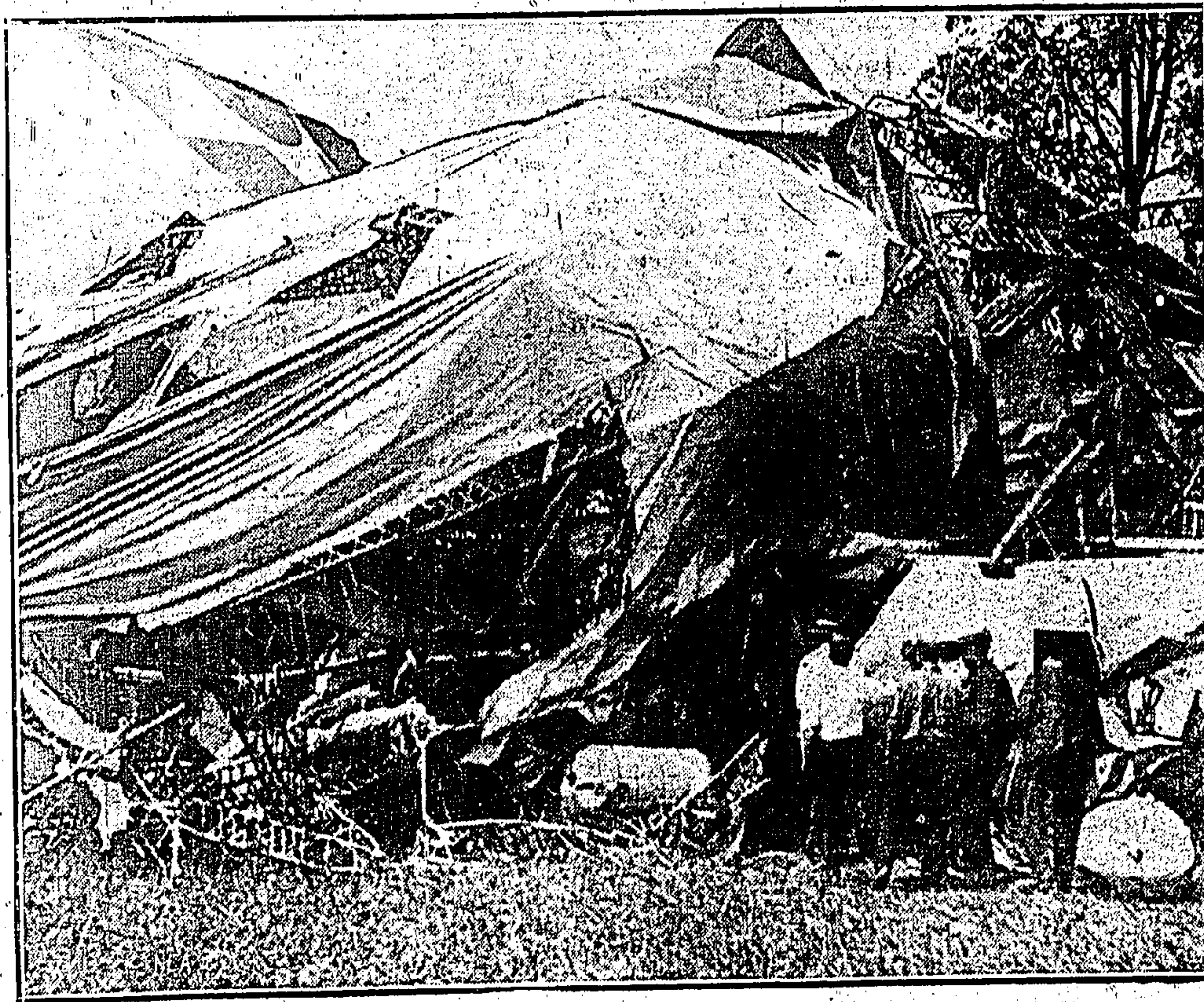
First Pictures of the Shenandoah Disaster.



This twisted mass of wreckage is all that remained of the Shenandoah, pride of the U.S. navy's lighter-than-air forces. Among the huge girders which the storm snapped as if they were thin sticks of wood can be seen the tanks of helium, the valuable non-inflammable gas used. Had hydrogen been in these tanks an explosion and fire would have been almost certain, possibly causing a much greater loss of life.



Members of the American Legion paid full military honours to the 14 members of the Shenandoah killed in the wreck of the dirigible near Ava, Ohio. Here is a legionnaire standing guard over the coffins of the victims.



This picture shows the middle section of the giant ship Shenandoah, taken shortly after it crashed to the ground near Ava, Ohio, resulting in the death of 14 men. The steel girders and network of steel supports were smashed. Scores of farmers and townspeople, seen in the photograph, rushed to the scene of disaster and assisted in disentangling the dead and the injured.



These are survivors of the wrecked Shenandoah as they arrived in Philadelphia en route to their home station at Lakeland, N. J. Some of them are in dress uniforms, some in their working clothes and a few are in mixed costumes gathered together after the crash, which destroyed most of their own belongings.



A photograph of the dead commander, Comdr. Zachary Lansdowne, taken a few days before the disaster.

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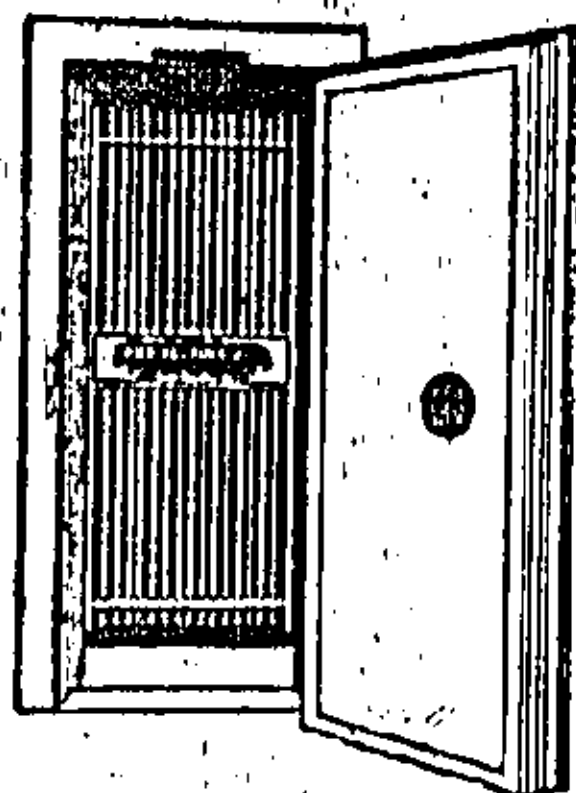
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FRANKLIN.—On October 7th, at the Peak Hospital, to Gladys, wife of F. P. Franklin, a son.

The Telegraph.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8, 1925.

THE BUDGET.

With the general policy fore-shadowed in His Excellency's Budget speech to-day we think there will be widespread public approval. That policy is based on the principle of cutting our garment according to the amount of cloth available. In other words, our revenue calculations having been seriously upset by the unusual circumstances of present times and the recent past, it is deemed prudent to refrain, as far as possible, from spending money on works for which there is no immediate call, and thereby so to arrange our financial affairs that for the present, at any rate there will be no necessity for imposing fresh taxation. Proceeding from this standpoint, it is believed that, unless the unforeseen happens, the Colony's balances will permit us to go through, the coming year, and, if the situation improves beyond conservative computations, there may even be the possibility of taking up some of the big projects which have for the moment to stand over. It is, of course, a difficult matter to estimate either the revenue or the expenditure for the coming twelve months. So much depends on the course of events. Even His Excellency candidly admits that the task cannot be very little other than in the nature of guess-work, but we see no reason for thinking that too rosy a view of the future has been taken. The trend of events in Canton will necessarily have a big bearing on the position, but with His Excellency, we cannot bring ourselves to believe that the innate level-headedness of the Cantonese will permit the present state of affairs to go on indefinitely. As to the actual financial position, the Budget provides for a further call on our reserves of some two and a half million dollars. This compares with a budgeted deficit for the present year of eight and a half millions—a figure which apparently will not now be so very wide of the mark, since the revised estimates show outgoings totalling some

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 2s. 5.1/16d.

Yesterday's health return shows one Portuguese case of typhoid fever. Five Fukien Chinese, four described as shop folks and the other as a shop owner, were at the Marine Court this morning fined \$10, or ten days in default, for being on board the s.s. Tjibodas without the permission of the master.

A taxi got out of the control of the driver whilst proceeding along Yee Woo Street yesterday afternoon. It ran on to the pavement, and crashed into the wall of house No. 22. There was a hole left in the wall when the taxi was eventually taken away, considerably damaged.

The management of the Queen's Theatre request us to correct an error which appeared in a contemporary, that the charge for certain seats during the filming of Harold Lloyd's latest picture, will be \$2.50. The figure should have been \$2. The picture, which is entitled "Hot Water," comes with the reputation of being this favourite comedian's funniest creation.

THE COLONY'S BUDGET

(Continued from Page 1.)

present and no reductions have been made. It is an expensive force, but I consider that the Colony gets good value for its money. The members of the force have worked with splendid zeal and efficiency during the difficult times through which we have passed. Provision is made for a wireless telephonic set installed on a cruising launch. This, I anticipate, will be of great service in securing speedy assistance, or rapid pursuit, in cases of piratical attacks on outlying stations such as have occurred in the past. Two Chinese motor mechanics are also required to keep police motor cars and cycles in proper repair and running order.

A large number of officers will be proceeding on leave, retiring, or being repatriated (in the case of the Weihaiwei contingent). The vote for passages has accordingly been increased by \$10,000. With the completion of the new Kowloon City Police Station it will be necessary to increase the votes for electric light, fans, coal, and small stores. Larger sums will be required for the rent of stations and married quarters, as more stations and more married quarters have been rented.

As I stated when dealing with the Harbour Master's Department, there are to be no replacements of launches, which would have been provided for in the normal course of events.

PRISON'S DEPARTMENT.

The opening of three new halls at Lai-chikok Prison necessitates an increase in the staff and provision has been made for an additional principal warder and ten warders, and in the Indian staff of two warders, twelve assistant warders, and eight guards.

Certain corresponding increases in recurrent charges are necessary. Items are:—Cleansing materials, clothing and shoes for staff, light, rations for Indian warders and subsistence of prisoners. The vote for gratuities to prisoners is also increased to meet the extra amounts that will be required as a result of the scale for gratuities having been raised.

It is with great regret that I have been compelled to direct the cessation of work on the new prison at Ngau Shi Wan. The present makeshift arrangements are very unsatisfactory and uneconomical. I trust that the new Gaol will be one of the first of the abandoned works to be undertaken when times improve.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The opening of the Kowloon and Victoria Maternity Hospitals necessitates increases in the staff of the Medical Department, and provision has been made for two more assistant matrons, one home sister (who will look after the sisters' quarters), five nursing sisters and a steward for Kowloon Hospital. This is the bare minimum which will enable the hospitals to be kept running efficiently. Provision is also included for a dispenser for Victoria Hospital. For the Lunatic Asylum, the Secretary of State has approved the creation of a new post, that of assistant attendant, the present attendant becoming head attendant. Work amongst the mentally deranged is admittedly very trying, and apart from the fact that there is now too much for one man to do, it is necessary that there should be someone to take the head attendant's place when he goes on leave. Recurrent charges show an increase of a little over \$60,000.

After careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that the vote for the steam launch for the Health Officer of the Port should stand. Last year a sum was inserted for a motor launch, but it is thought that such a type of vessel would not be so useful as a steam launch. The present launch is obsolete, and the new one will provide for the conveyance of sick persons. Provision has been made for an X-Ray plant for the Kowloon Hospital. Other items are:—Surgical dressings, machinery for new Government laboratory, motor cycle and side car for the New Territory, and pharmaceutical apparatus. All these have been carefully considered and should I think remain.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

The work of the Sanitary Department is so necessary to the health of the Colony that it would be most unwise to reduce the staff below what is required for the proper performance of its duties, which, of course, continuously become heavier with the growth of the population. Provision has

accordingly been made for one additional 1st Class Sanitary Inspector, four 2nd Class Inspectors, two foremen, and sixty-seven scavenging coolies.

As I stated last year, the use of motor lorries for the removal of refuse has proved successful, but I fear that at present we cannot afford the large expenditure that would be entailed by substituting them for all other forms of transport. Provision has therefore been made for only one motor refuse lorry. It is also necessary to provide for one refuse barge, for a replacement in the existing fleet of barges.

BOTANICAL AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.

Last year provision was made for the formation of a forestry reserve in the water works catchment area at Tai-po. I do not consider that this work, valuable though it will be, is of sufficient urgency to be proceeded with in existing circumstances. It is, however, necessary that the work already done should not be wasted and a sum of \$2,500 is accordingly inserted on that account.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

As a result of the misconduct during the strike of a large number of the older pupils who have shown themselves to be ungrateful for and undeserving of the educational facilities which have been generously provided for them at considerable cost to the Colony, there will be a large decrease in the total number of boys attending school. It is therefore possible to make reductions in staff without impairing the efficiency of the teaching. As you already know, the services of a number of temporary assistant mistresses have been dispensed with and the number of assistant mistresses, British staff, has been reduced from thirty-two to twenty-seven. Class II masters of the British staff have similarly been reduced from twenty-seven to nineteen. Class V Chinese assistant masters have been reduced by six. The University trained graduate teachers have been increased by two. The results of introducing this type of master into the schools are reported to be most satisfactory. The number of Class IV vernacular masters has been cut down by three.

It is intended to proceed gradually with the extension of vernacular education which has hitherto not been dealt with in a satisfactory manner, and a step in this direction is the establishment of the new Saiyingpun Vernacular Middle School, which embodies the former Normal School for Men. For this school additional provision has been made for one head teacher, and three assistant teachers. The Normal School for Women has been expanding and to keep pace with this expansion it is necessary to increase the staff by two assistant mistresses. The Normal School for Men at Tai-po is also part of the scheme for vernacular education, but to begin with, only one teacher will be employed.

More classes and lectures are to be held at the Technical Institute in Hongkong and Kowloon. This has proved a most popular form of education and there is a demand for its extension, which it would seem to be greatly in the interests of the community to meet.

With the decrease in the number of older pupils it will not be necessary to provide so much for University Examination Grants and this vote has been reduced by some \$5,000. Similarly the vote, Capitation Grants, is nearly \$18,000 less. There are other items showing small decreases or increases to which it is unnecessary to refer in detail.

P.W.D. STAFF CHANGES.

There has been a further re-organisation in the sub-departments of the Public Works Department. The former Office of Crown Lands and Surveys has been divided into two separate sub-departments, that of Crown Lands and that of Surveys. The work of these two branches is different and the new grouping is more logical and will tend to increased efficiency. At the same time, the former Reclamations Office, the work of which is closely connected with the Crown Lands Office, will be absorbed into the latter Office. The maximum salaries of certain posts in those sub-departments as re-organised have been raised, but as few of the holders had yet reached the maximum of their respective posts before the re-organisation, there will be no increase in expenditure next year beyond the normal stipulated increments. In view of the limitation of the programme of works generally, it will be possible to effect savings in personal

expenditure. Some posts can be abolished and in other cases on a post becoming vacant, it can be left vacant for the present. I have already telegraphed to the Secretary of State requesting that the selection of candidates for vacant posts should not be proceeded with. This will mean that the staff of the Public Works Department will be reduced considerably. When times are better and more works undertaken, it will then be possible to expand the personnel by filling up vacancies.

Chief amongst these abolitions and vacancies I would mention—in the Architectural Office, three engineers, one temporary engineer, one chief draughtsman, one 2nd-class draughtsman, five 4th-class draughtsmen; in the Electrical Office, the Superintendent of Wireless Telegraphy, three wireless operators, nine apprentice operators, one 2nd-class overseer; in the General Works Office, nine 2nd-class foremen; in the Public Health and Building Ordinance Office, two engineers, one temporary office assistant at \$2,400; in the Survey Office, three 2nd class land surveyors, one 3rd class assistant land surveyor; in the Waterworks Office, one clerk at \$320 and one 3rd class assistant land surveyor.

Public Works Recurrent.—The various heads have been revised so that the total expenditure does not exceed \$1,200,000.

PORT DEVELOPMENT.

With the smaller programme of work that the Port Development Department will have before it, reductions have been made in the personnel, the engineers being reduced from four to two and 1st class overseers from three to one.

Port Works Extraordinary. No expenditure on new works of magnitude is provided for, and it is unlikely that the sum of \$805,000 provided will be exceeded.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

The railway has had another bad year. There has been little or no through traffic and until it is resumed, the revenue derived from the railway must remain at a low figure. It is not possible to reduce the staff of a railway in direct ratio to the amount of work which it is doing, as all the various departments must continue to function whether the work which they are doing is much or little. The prospects of the resumption of through traffic on a satisfactory basis are, however, so remote, as it will probably take a long time, after normal conditions are restored, to supply the deficiencies in rolling stock on the Chinese section, that it is useless to keep, in anticipation of such resumption, a larger staff than we need to carry on the work now being done. Therefore, as posts become vacant through resignations, retirements or other causes, they will be left vacant. At present, few such vacancies have occurred and provision must be made for the salaries of officers, but it may be assumed that as a result of the policy of gradual retrenchment the estimated amount for 1926 will not all be spent.

Owing to the higher cost of locomotive coal, it is necessary to increase this vote proportionately. Similarly, the votes for materials and repairs of locomotives and all painting have had to be increased to meet a rise of 30% in contract prices. With the closing down of the Hongkong booking office for local traffic, uses, station collection of tickets has been instituted. In order to achieve this satisfactorily, it is essential that the stations should be adequately fenced and a sum has been inserted for this work. The galvanised roofing of the workshops was corroded and provision has been made for renewal. The work of the motor department to increase and a sum has been inserted for additional machines. A sum has been inserted for providing concrete channels at outfalls. At present these channels are more excavations, providing ideal places for mosquitoes to breed. It is necessary to make provision for the assembly and erection in the railway yards of the six new carriages, which are expected to arrive at the end of this, or at the beginning of next year. A sum has been inserted for a new motor trolley to replace the present one, which is quite worn out.

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

There has been a most satisfactory increase in the Corps, the strength of which has risen during the past two years from 280 to 670. Its usefulness was amply demonstrated during the recent strike. With the advice of the General Officer Commanding, I have inserted a sum which are considered to be the minimum

necessary for keeping the Corps up to its present state of efficiency. With the greater number attending, three week-end camps will be held instead of two: this is more economical than having two large camps. More Uniforms must be provided and a sum is inserted for the purchase of three machine and six Lewis guns.

CHARITABLE SERVICES.
An arrangement has been come to with the authorities of the John G. Kerr Hospital, Canton, whereby this Government will pay \$8 per month for each inmate sent from Hongkong. This will necessitate a sum of \$20,000 for next year.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.
Last year, there was a decrease in Miscellaneous Services, largely due, as you know, to the lapsing of the grant for the British Empire Exhibition. This year, despite most careful scrutiny, there is an increase of a little over \$50,000. The stationery vote was greatly under-estimated last year and I consider that for next year it should be increased by \$20,000. With the strictest economy, this will, I hope, suffice. There is a new vote—purchase of motor cars. It is considered to be more economical, and more satisfactory in every way that all cars should be placed under one engineer, and allotted to departments as required. In accordance with the terms of the contract, certain payments will have to be made to the Government printers for the revised edition of the Ordinances and a sum has been inserted to meet these payments. Similarly, for the revision of the regulations, which is well in hand, a sum of \$8,000 has been provided. The votes for rent allowances for European subordinate and Asiatic subordinate officers have had to be increased. The building of quarters is suspended for the time being, so allowances must be granted in lieu. The amount provided for the entertainment of foreign sailors has been reduced considerably, as has also the sum provided for furniture for Government offices and quarters as a result of the suspension of the building programme.

The estimated cost of Public Works Extraordinary is \$4,988,500. It is not proposed to embark on any new works of magnitude, and it has been necessary to postpone for the present the extensive scheme of strengthening the main roads in the Kowloon Peninsula.

In Hongkong, the Government is committed to the expenditure on the road from Causeway Bay to North Point (Item 10 c) and the large sums entered for drainage at Wong Nei Chong are required to prevent a recurrence of the flooding which has taken place during heavy rains in the last year or two.

It will be observed that New Kowloon has been separated from the New Territories. The district to the south of the hills is so closely connected with Kowloon that extensive works under roads and drainage are common to both and a clearer view of the situation is given if those works are not confused with those in the more rural parts of the mainland territories.

In Kowloon, under drainage it is necessary to spend large sums in connection with the storm water drains and the main sewer to the east of the railway. Under the head "miscellaneous," provision is made for making a portion of the Kowloon Bay West Reclamation and for forming areas on the west of the Kowloon City Road to the required levels.

A sum of \$250,000 is provided for compensations and resumptions. As the work of road making and raising of levels proceeds, it becomes necessary to resume many old holdings, and compensation in money is required where it is impossible to effect exchanges of land. Endeavours are made to effect such exchanges whenever possible, and it is hoped therefore that the whole of the large sum provided will be not needed.

In New Kowloon, under Communications and Drainage, considerable expenditure is provided for in connection with the Kowloon Tong Development scheme. It must be remembered, however, that the large sewers and storm water drains in that area are part of a general scheme and would have had to be constructed in any case. Under the head Miscellaneous, a sum of \$100,000 is provided for continuing the work of excavation and filling at Kowloon Tong. A sum of \$250,000 is also provided for compensations and resumptions in this district for the same reasons as in Kowloon.

In the New Territories, the bulk of the expenditure is under "Water Works" in connection with the Shing Mun Valley scheme. The chief item is a sum of \$600,000 to complete the tunnels and conduit. This work is in progress under contract and cannot be stopped. Similarly the filtering plant and pipes have been purchased in England and must be paid for. Other parts of the scheme can be postponed for the present. Under "Communications," the works for which provision has been made are either under construction or necessary to fulfil obligations which the Government has incurred.

MILITARY LANDS POSITION.
It will be noted that the Estimates contain no provision for expenditure in connection with the movement of the military establishments from their present central situations. It is with great regret that I am compelled to announce that in present circumstances it is impossible to proceed with the proposed re-provisioning. We were prepared to spend large sums in order to put an end to a situation which has long caused inconvenience to the Colony, contending that the price which we were called upon to pay under the Oakley award was higher than was reasonable but being willing to pay even boom prices rather than forego the opportunity of effecting a long-deferred improvement. In present circumstances however, we cannot afford to sacrifice money for which we have so many other urgent uses, and I have been obliged to inform the Secretary of State for the Colonies that it is impossible for us to take further steps in the matter.

A QUESTION OF POLICY.
May I, in conclusion, say a few words to forestall an obvious criticism? It may reasonably be asked—is it not possible, considering that many of the works which have been excised from the programme are of the great value and importance to the Colony, to take the alternative course of providing additional funds so as to enable them to be carried out? I have given this question much anxious thought and I have formed a decided opinion that, for the present at any rate, the right course is to reduce expenditure rather than to increase income. Admittedly the inhabitants of this Colony are as lightly taxed as the members of any community in the world, and in normal times I should have had no hesitation in advising if our revenues, on the present basis, were insufficient to provide for the carrying out of the large programme of public improvements which we have in contemplation, further funds should be provided either by an increase in taxation or by the issue of a loan, or a combination of both methods. As things are, however, I am of opinion that any increase in taxation should be avoided. Most classes of the community have been hard hit by the troubles of the past few months, and if there is any considerable number of persons who have more money than is required for their immediate need it will, I think, be more in the interests of the community that they should employ it in facilitating the resumption of trade by financing commercial operations. The more loose money there is available in the Colony the easier and quicker will be the return to normal trade conditions, and I submit that the Government will, within a measurable period of time, gain more by the normal income which it will derive from a rapid return to prosperity and increased business than by the more direct process of additional taxation. Therefore, so long as we can pay our way by the exercise of a wise economy I advise that the existing basis of taxation should not be disturbed.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. John Walter Harris, of the Kowloon Dock, to Mrs. Adela Camino, widow, of Jordan Road, Kowloon.

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THE LOAN QUESTION.
There remains the question of whether it would be wise to raise money by loan. For the present I advise against any attempt to do so. Owing to the shortness of money, which I have already quoted as a reason against additional taxation, a loan floated locally would not be likely to meet with success and the present is not a favourable time at which to appeal to the London Market. It is apparent from communications received from England that the general public is under the impression that conditions here are much worse than they really are and the small investor, who is the person to whom the loans of Crown Colonies seem to appeal most, would certainly hesitate to risk his money in a Hongkong loan, unless the terms offered were much more generous than is

LOCARNO CONVERSATIONS. CORDIALITY CONTINUES.

Locarno, Oct. 7.
An Italian newspaper has published a version of the text of the peace pact, which is declared here to be a mixture of truths and untruths, the latter considerably preponderating. It is not proposed to publish the authorised text of the pact until it is really concluded. Such a stage is far from being reached.—*Reuter.*

Locarno, Oct. 7.
An evening communique says the conference to-day heard the report of jurists on the drafting work previously entrusted to them. New suggestions were made, necessitating a fresh examination by the jurists. The conference therefore decided to have a supplementary report for a later meeting. The delegates left in a very amiable mood. Mr. Austen Chamberlain was accompanied by Herr Stresemann and they shook hands. The outstanding topic to-day is that M. Briand this morning had an hour's conversation with Dr. Luther outside the Locarno conference. The conversation is kept very secret, but doubtless concerned the eastern frontier of Germany.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN DOUBTS.
London, Oct. 7.
Messages from Berlin and from Locarno indicate that Dr. Luther and Herr Stresemann's task at the peace pact conference is rendered more difficult by the critical attitude of the German newspapers and political parties. The former are particularly protesting at a report of possible German abandonment of the objections to France's standing guarantee for an eastern pact in return for French concessions as regards the occupation of the Rhineland. The nationalists have even sent a prominent Reichstag supporter to Locarno apparently to apply a restraining influence on the German delegates' actions if it be deemed desirable.

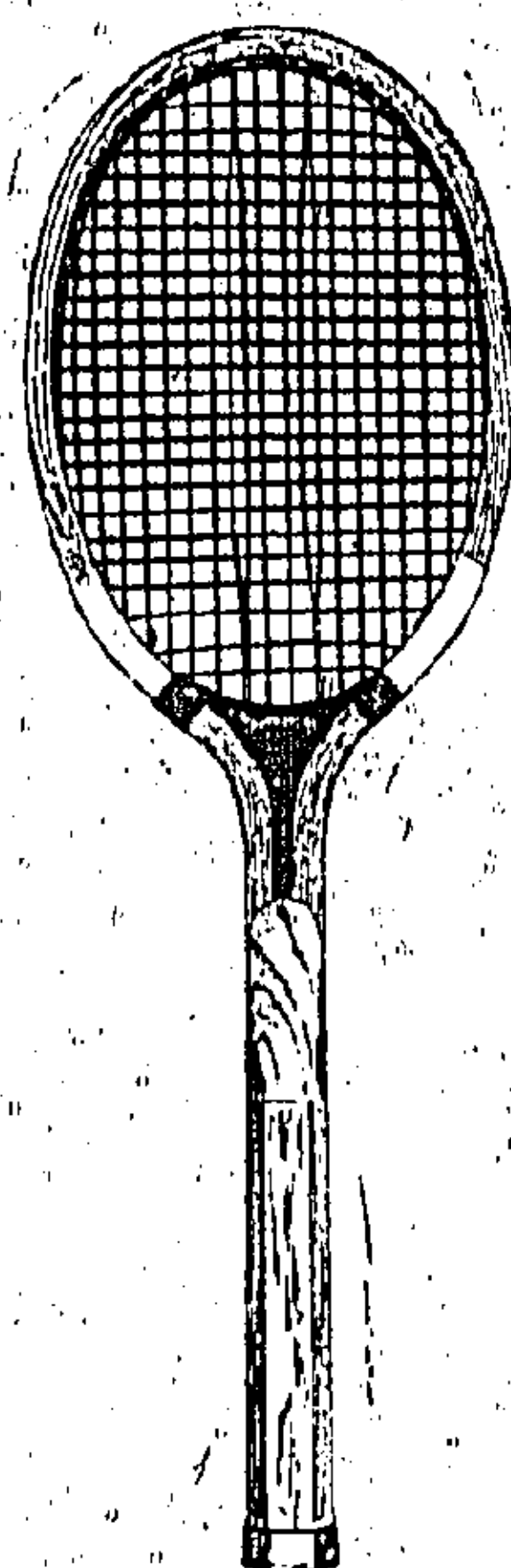
A Locarno Message says the German delegates are prepared to accept the clause dealing with general arbitration on all Franco-German questions of a politico-judicial character.—*Reuter.*

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In referring these estimates to you for your consideration, I would ask your support for the policy of economy which they embody, distasteful though it must be to everyone who desires to see the process of development which has been so marked in recent years continue uninterrupted, and I need hardly say that if you can suggest any further economies in the public expenditure, the Government will be glad to give the most careful consideration to your views.

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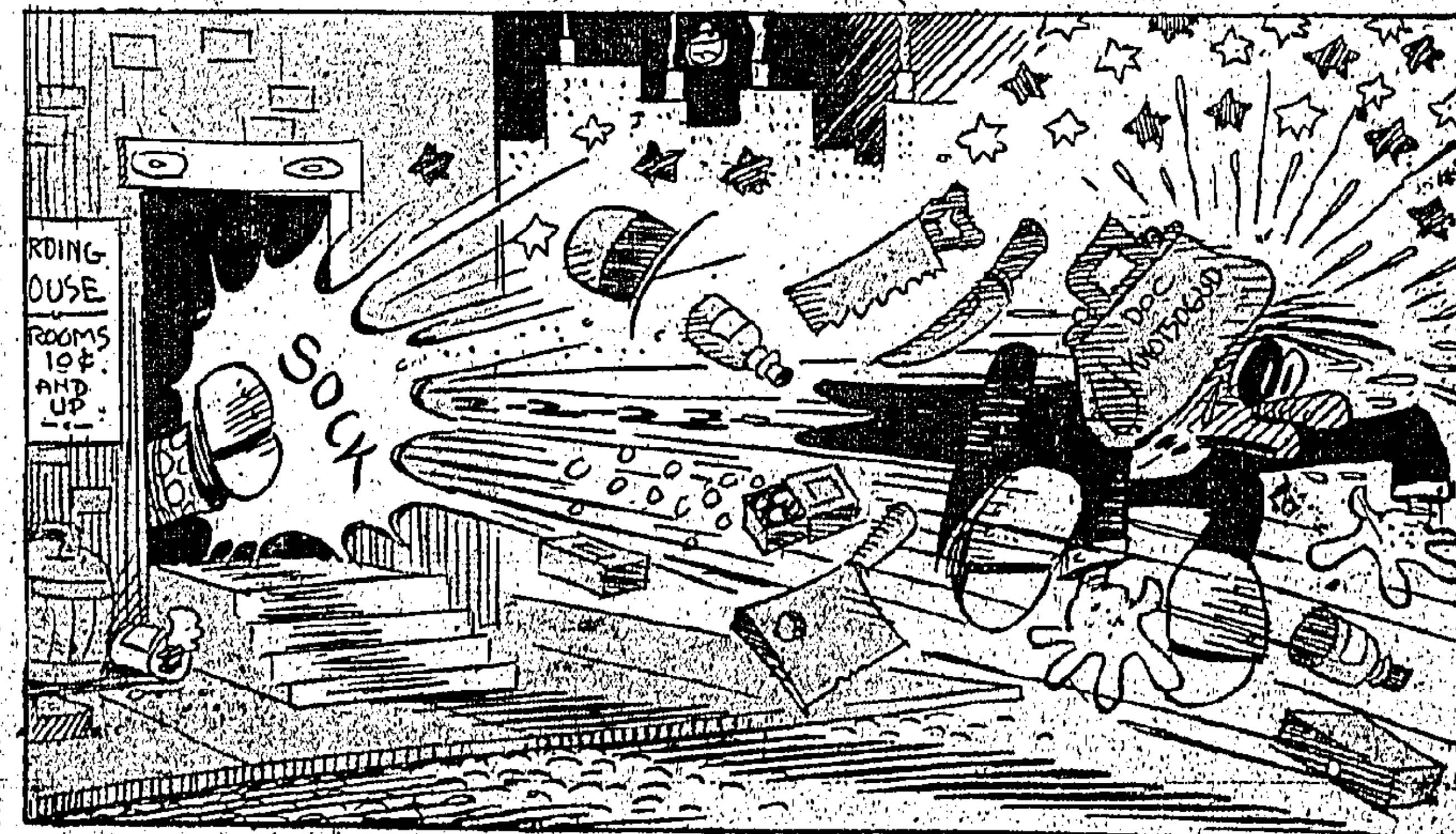
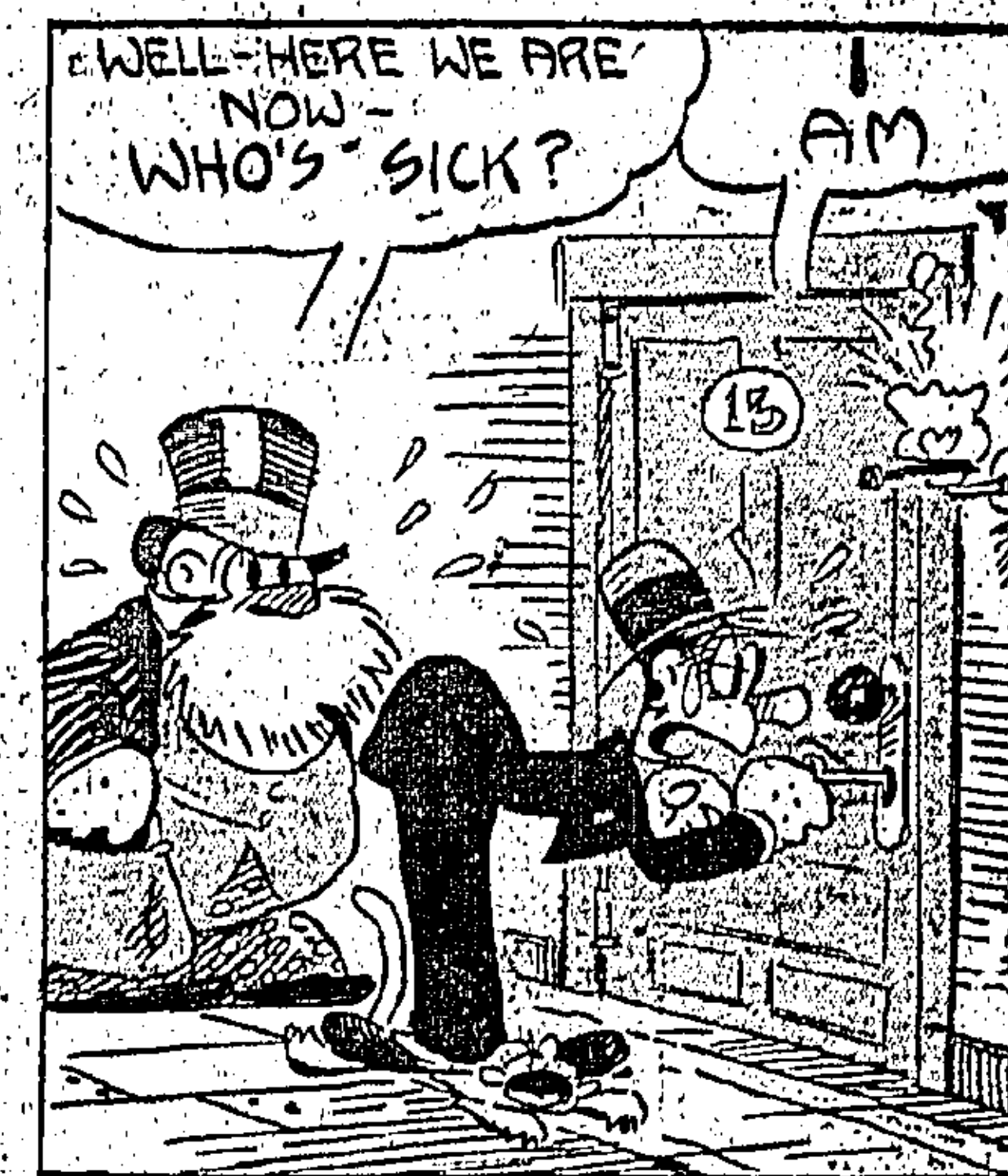
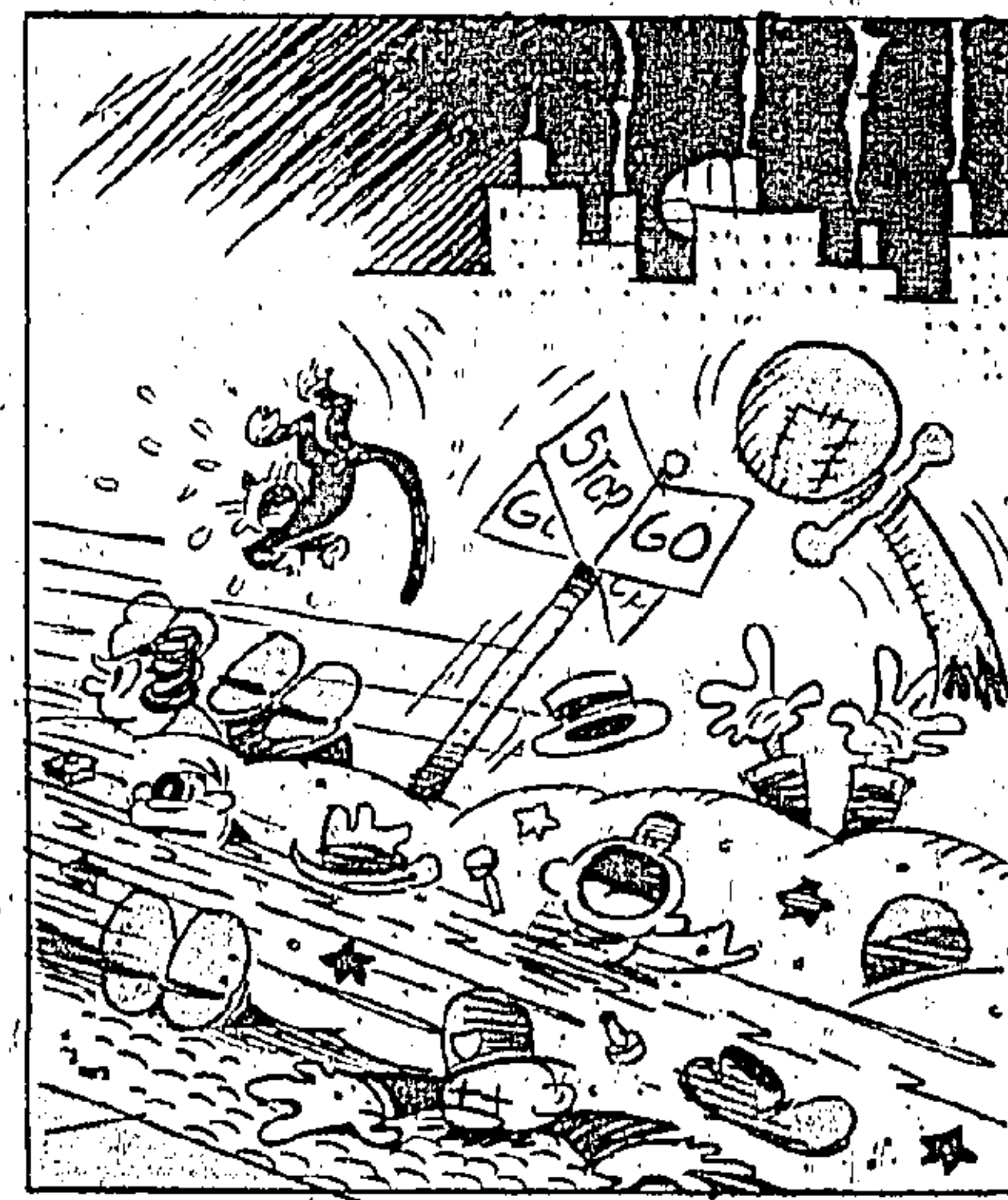
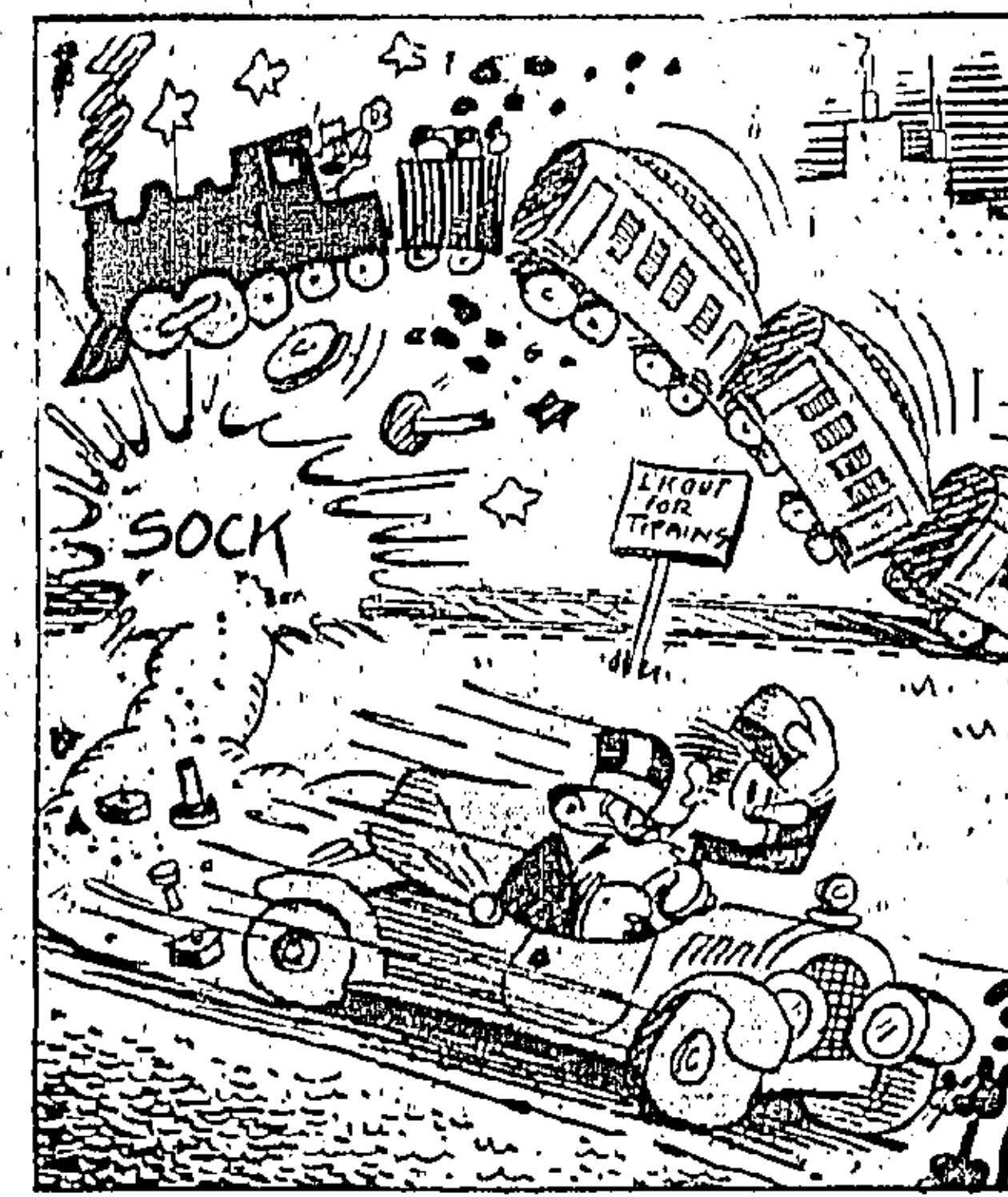
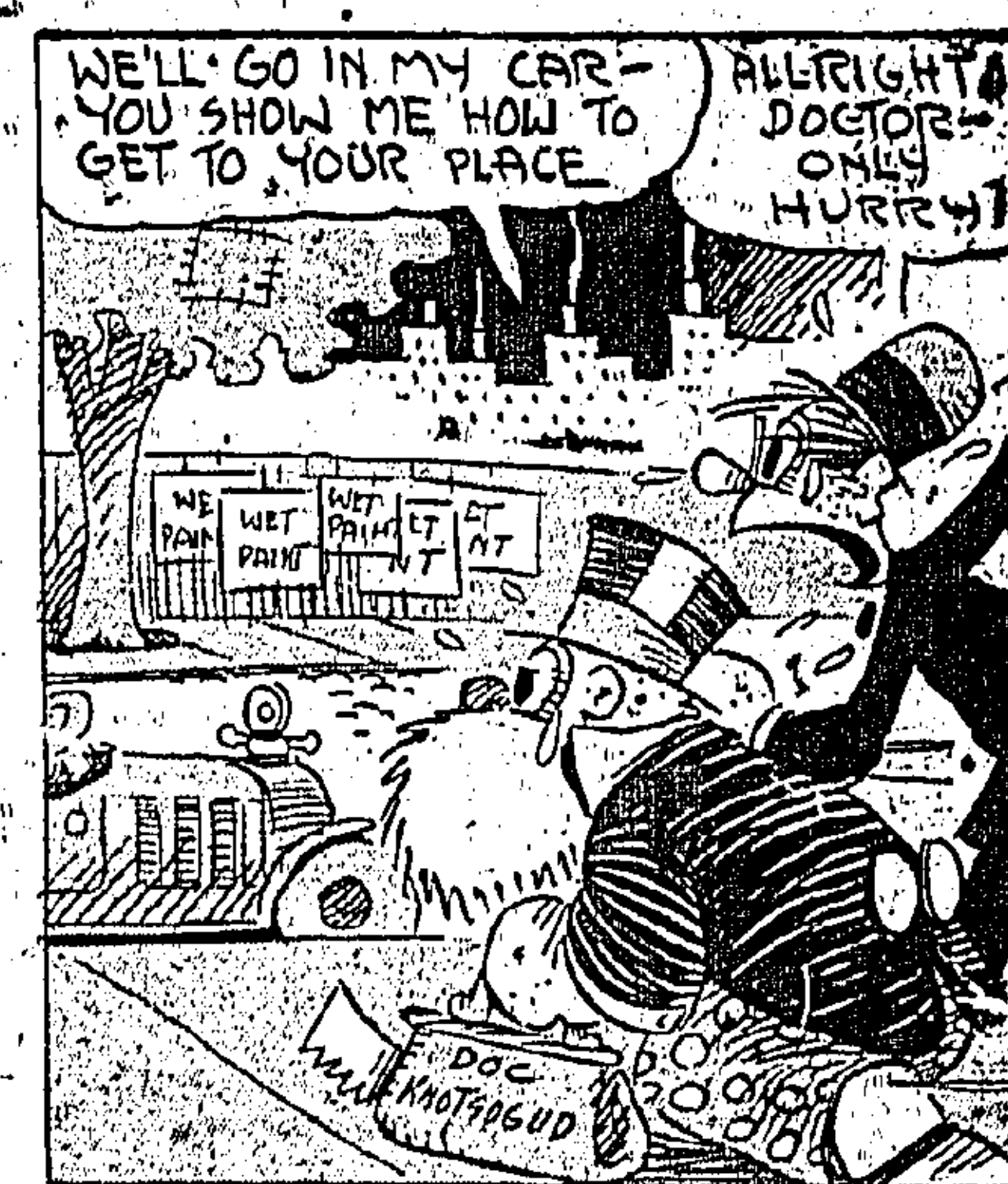
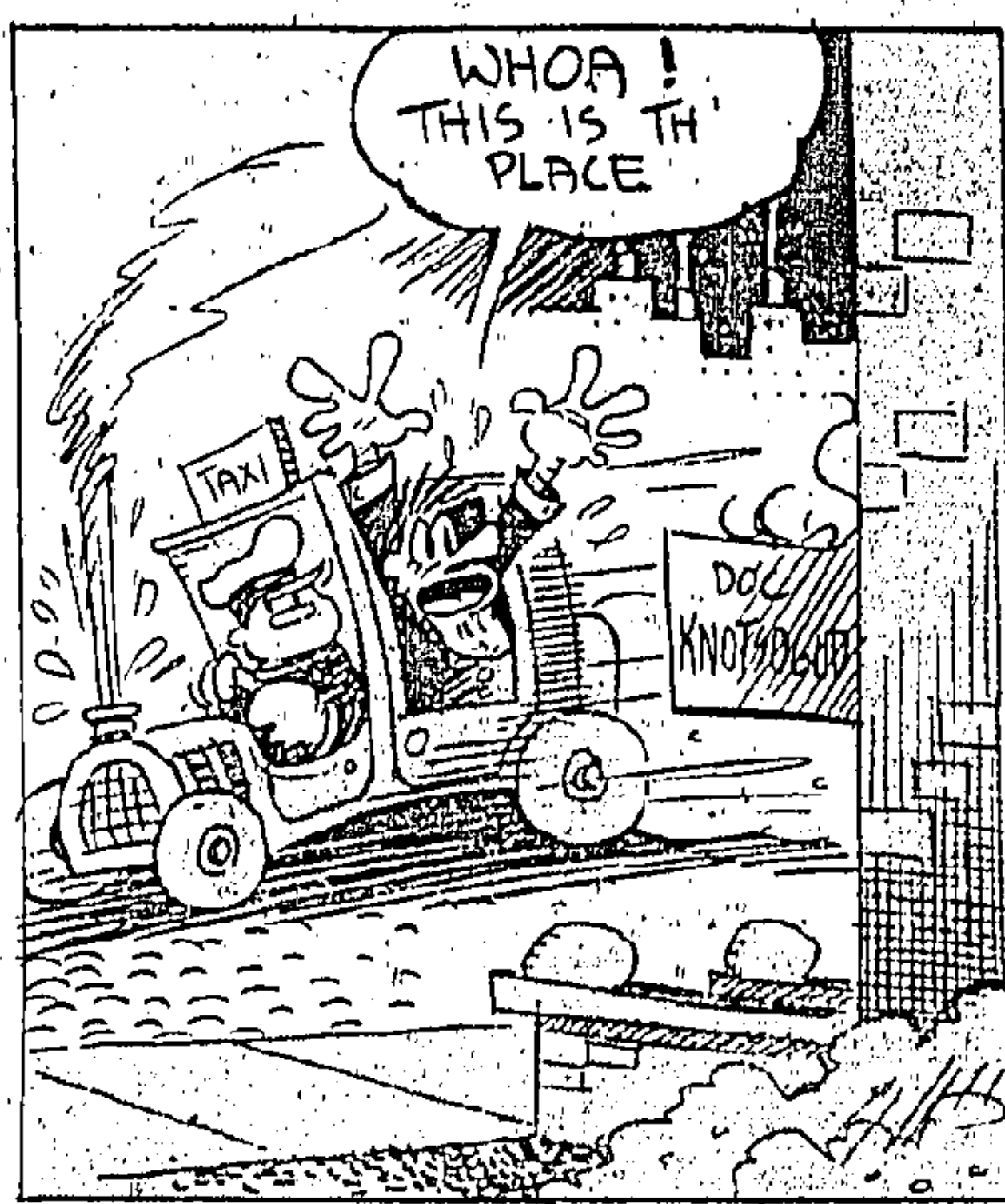
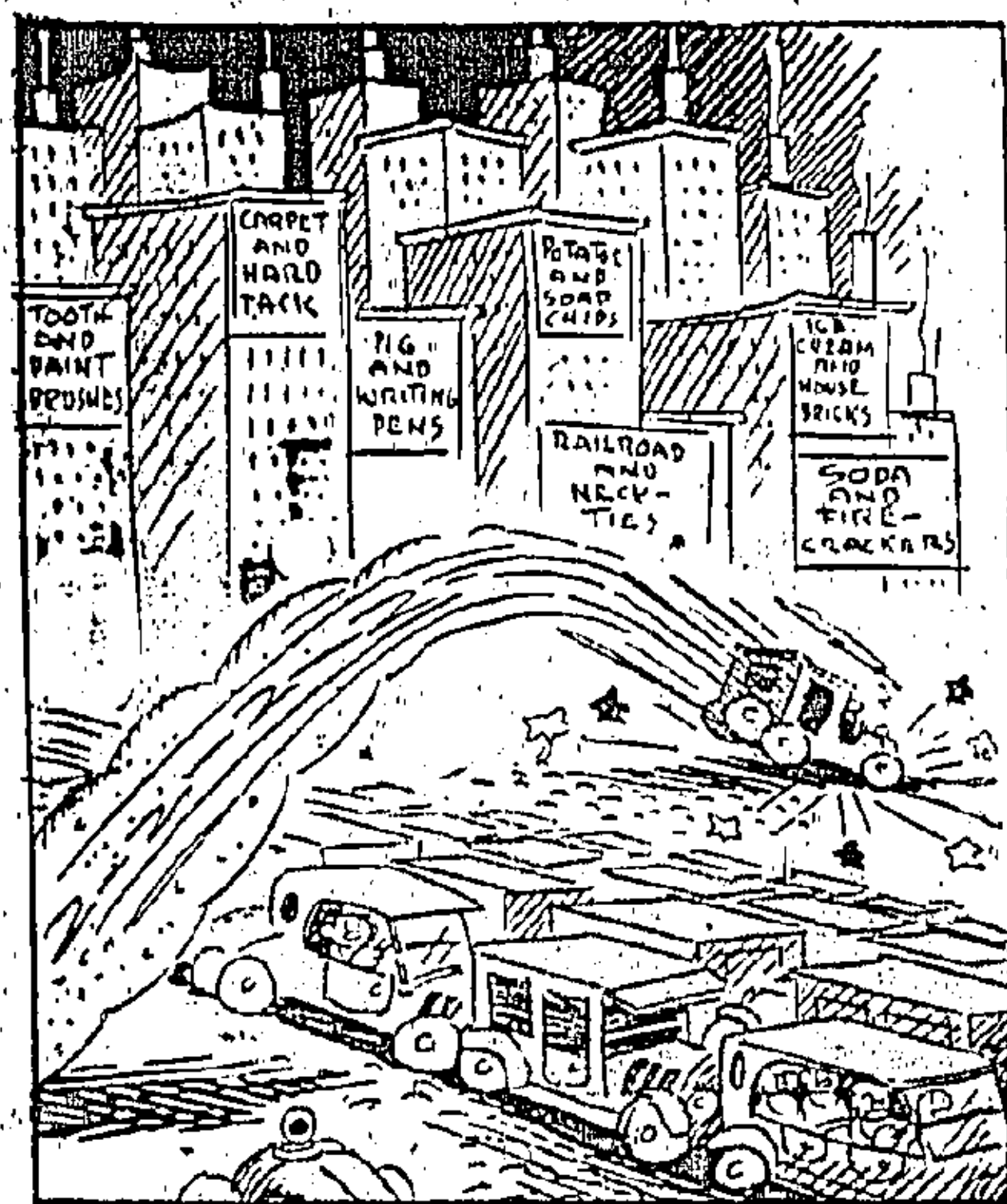
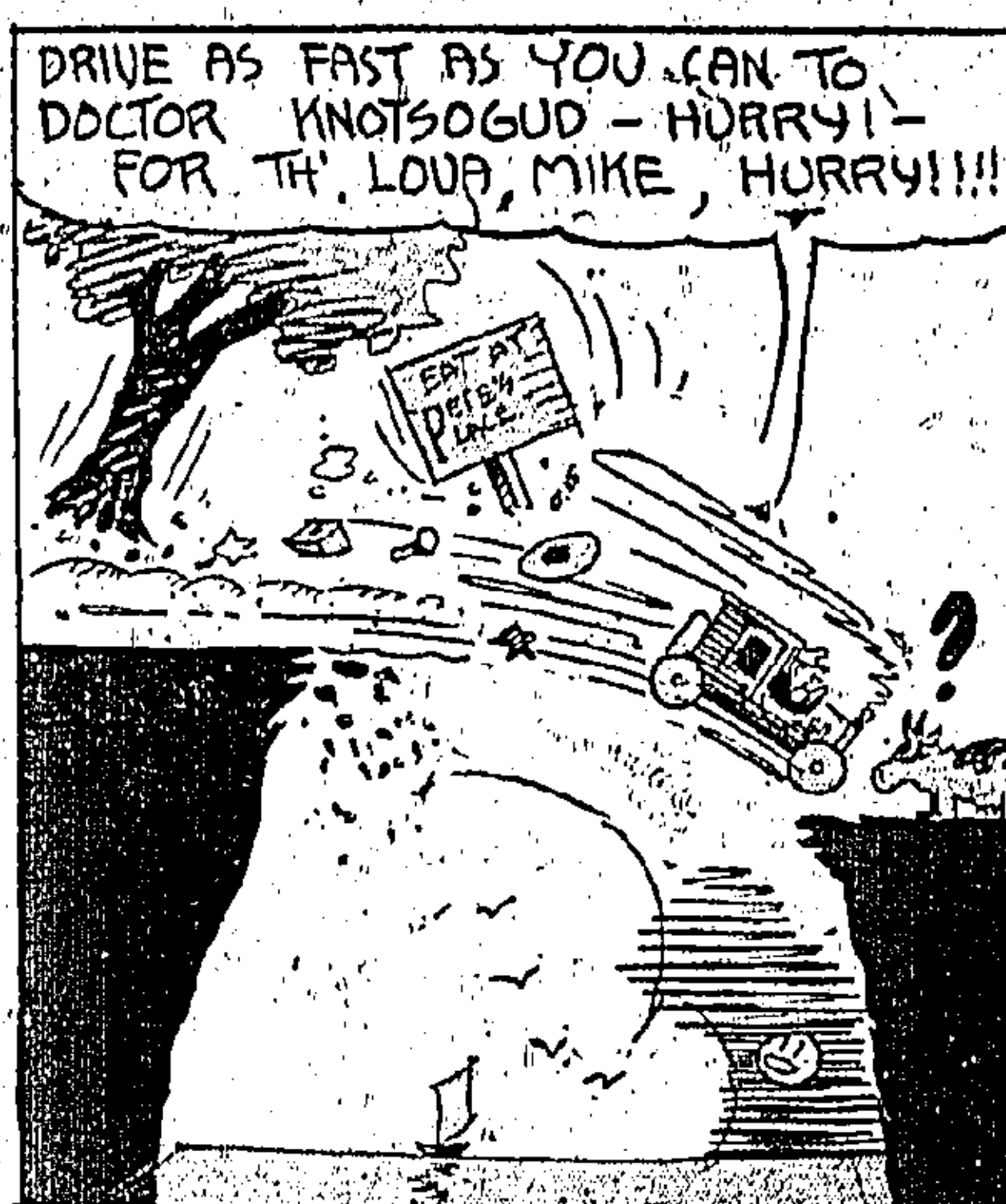
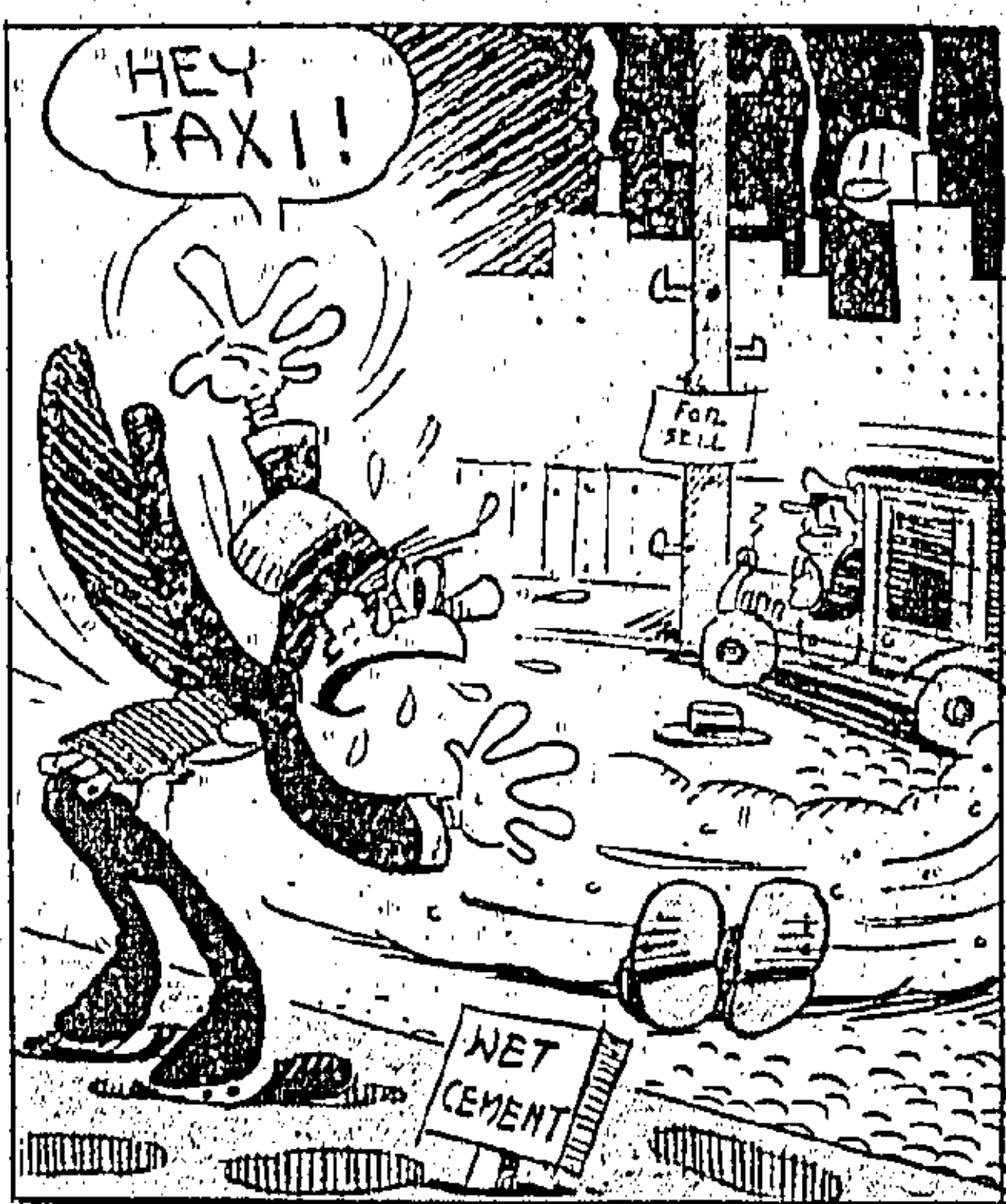
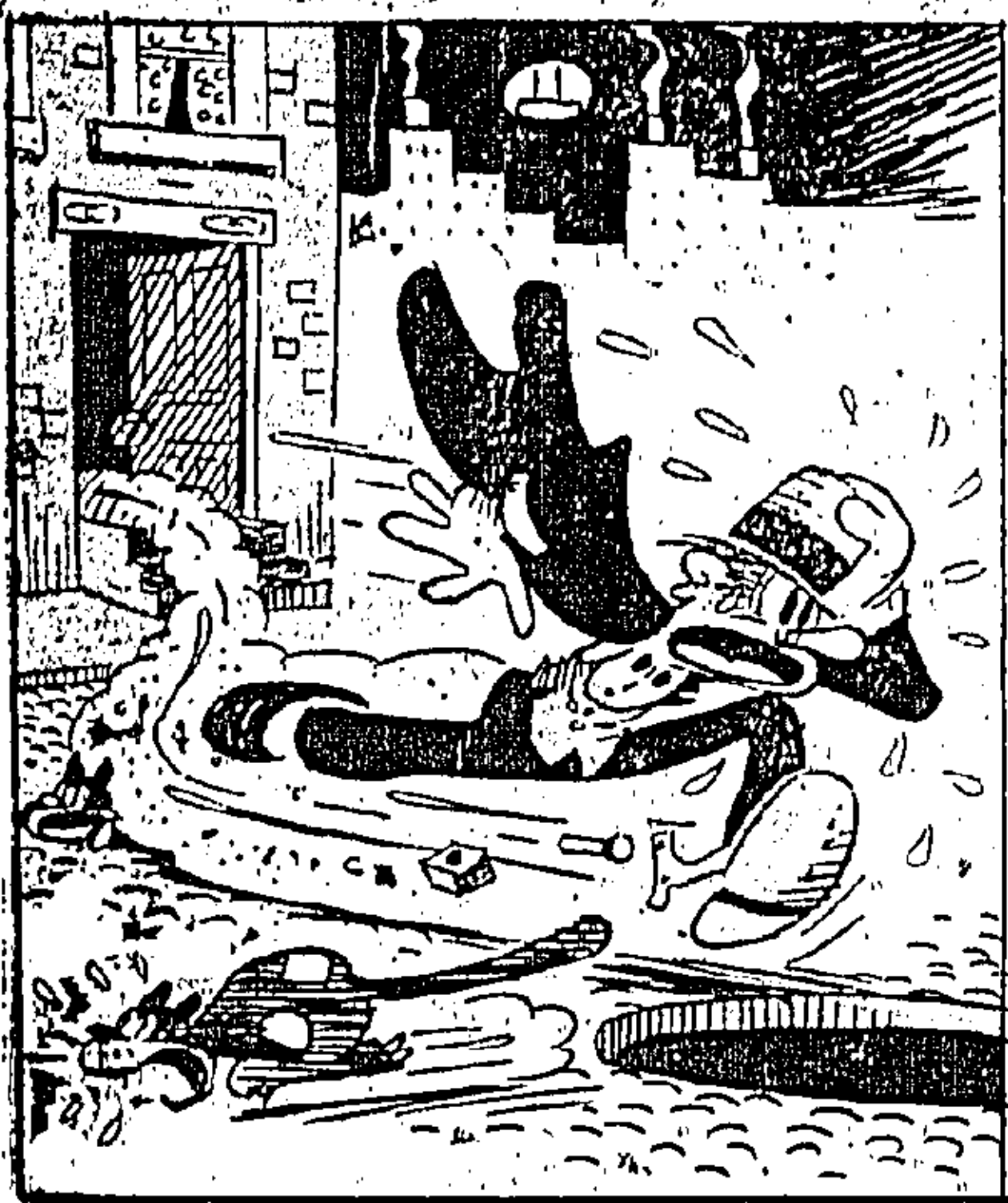
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SOUTH AFRICAN SENTENCES.

Cape Town, Oct. 7.
The s.s. Kildonan Castle has sailed for England, leaving behind the men who deserted the ship. The Edinburgh Castle and Kenilworth Castle will be leaving for England on Oct. 12th and 16th, respectively, after which they will again be a regular mail service to England.

The Supreme Court has granted an order restraining the deportation of sixteen of the crew of the Kildonan Castle, pending an appeal. The strikers' attorney states that the Minister of Justice has undertaken that nobody shall be deported before being afforded an opportunity of showing that if he remains in South Africa he will not be a burden on the State.

The Magistrate has sentenced 130 strikers of the steamer Ballarat to a month's imprisonment, but has granted them bail pending an appeal.—*Reuter*.

COLONIAL CO-ORDINATION.

NEW FORCES AT WORK.

London, Oct. 7.
Sir Frederick Lazard presided at a luncheon in the Nigeria Club given as a farewell to Sir Graeme Thomson, the new Governor of Nigeria. Mr. L. C. Amery in a speech declared that it was essential that the various groups of colonies should come closer together. The same natural and economic forces which brought the scattered colonies into "Dominions" was going to bring the scattered administrative colonies, if not into a federation anyhow, into much closer association with each other.

Sir Graeme Thomson said the closeness of touch between the colonies and the Colonial Office should increase very greatly. He hoped it would even be possible for Colonial Office officials to visit the colonies. He suggested the formation of a standing transport committee of the Colonial Office to co-ordinate experiments in different colonies and advise with regard to new experiments.—*Reuter*.

MUSCHA LEVITZKI.

TO-NIGHT'S RECITAL.

At to-night's recital, which will be Mr. Levitzki's farewell appearance in Hongkong, he will introduce two of his own compositions. One of these is a little waltz which has been described by one American critic as "an enchanting fairy-like thing, full of grace and tenderness." The other is a concert waltz which is very melodious and brilliant in the extreme. This latter composition was first introduced by Mr. Levitzki in Boston on the occasion of his debut there a few years ago. At the time it was almost an improvisation, the melodies having come to Mr. Levitzki during a sleepless night in the train. His success at that debut was such that after he had given six or seven encores the audience continued to clamour for more. On the spur of the moment, and as he himself has later described it, "with the recklessness of youth," he played as his next encore this waltz, which at the time existed only in his brain as a series of melodies. Thus, the Boston audience first heard it as a brilliant improvisation, and was so carried away by it that Mr. Levitzki was later induced to have it published. To-night's audience will, therefore, hear this "Valse de Concert" as a completed work, which has become one of the most popular numbers on Mr. Levitzki's programmes.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegrams have been received by the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory:

Received 7.45 p.m. October 7.—A typhoon is crossing over the Western Visayas in the form of a shallow depression. It may increase in intensity in the China Sea.

Received 10 p.m. October 7.—Cyclone or typhoon near or over Mindoro, moving W.N.W. or

HOME FOOTBALL.

INTER-LEAGUE MATCH.

London, Oct. 7.
On the Liverpool ground to-day the English League defeated the Irish League by five goals to one. The Glasgow Cup semi-final between Clyde and Queen's Park was again drawn, four goals being divided.

In the Second Division playing at Bradford, Clapton Orient defeated Bradford City by three goals to one.

The match between Bristol City and Crystal Palace at Bristol in the Southern Section of the Third Division, the home team won by the only goal of the match.—*Reuter*.

STRIKE REGULATION.

FASCIST COUNCILS RESOLUTIONS.

Rome, Oct. 7.
The Fascist Grand Council has resolved that only Fascist unions should legally be recognised as representing all classes of employers and workers; also an industrial court should be established to regulate labour disputes. Action by any one class should not be permitted, and any strike of State employees, or political strike intended to intimidate the State, should be punished as a crime.—*Reuter*.

Mr. L. E. Lammert disposed of a valuable site at his auction rooms yesterday when he offered for sale the remaining portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1389, together with the building thereon known as No. 33, Portland Street, Yau-mati. The area of the property is about 742 square feet. It was sold to Chan Wing, of a firm of ironmongers, for \$7,200, being \$2,200 above the upset price.

IRISH FREE STATE.

Its Ministry Courting Trouble.

London, 9th September: "The Irish Free State has, it appears, little to fear from the Republican faction, but in Ireland the unexpected generally happens. The question is whether the Government will be able to avoid a serious blunder. The ministers are not lacking in courage or energy. They are mostly young and inexperienced, but have done well regarding the army, the police and purchase, and have been laudably firm in suspending corrupt or inefficient bodies; but the greatest test of determination have been their decision to reduce the number of public houses. The chief danger is that the Government is inclined to attempt to achieve too much, incurring widespread criticism, embarking on the costly Shannon Power Scheme without knowing if the power is wanted. Secondly, many people consider the compulsory teaching of the Irish tongue merely a fad, and thirdly the decision to ignore the British Medical Register and initiate a Free State register is almost universally condemned. The vast majority of the people have economic aspirations rather than political, but the Government, either under the influence of its Left wing, or hoping to take the wind out of the Republican's sails, occasionally is inclined to act purely on partisan aims. Taken all round, it is the opinion of an investigator whose views are published by the London Times that Irish Republicanism is steadily losing ground. He says that even the Republican leaders admit the waning power of the Republican party's dwindling and discredited minority. If the elections were held to-morrow they would probably lose half their present seats. Recent efforts to galvanise the party into life have only demonstrated its weakness. The priests gave the cold shoulder to Archbishop Mannix and refused to allow him to speak at Maynooth College, where he was formerly the President. Finally several Republican towns refused to grant him their 'freedom'.

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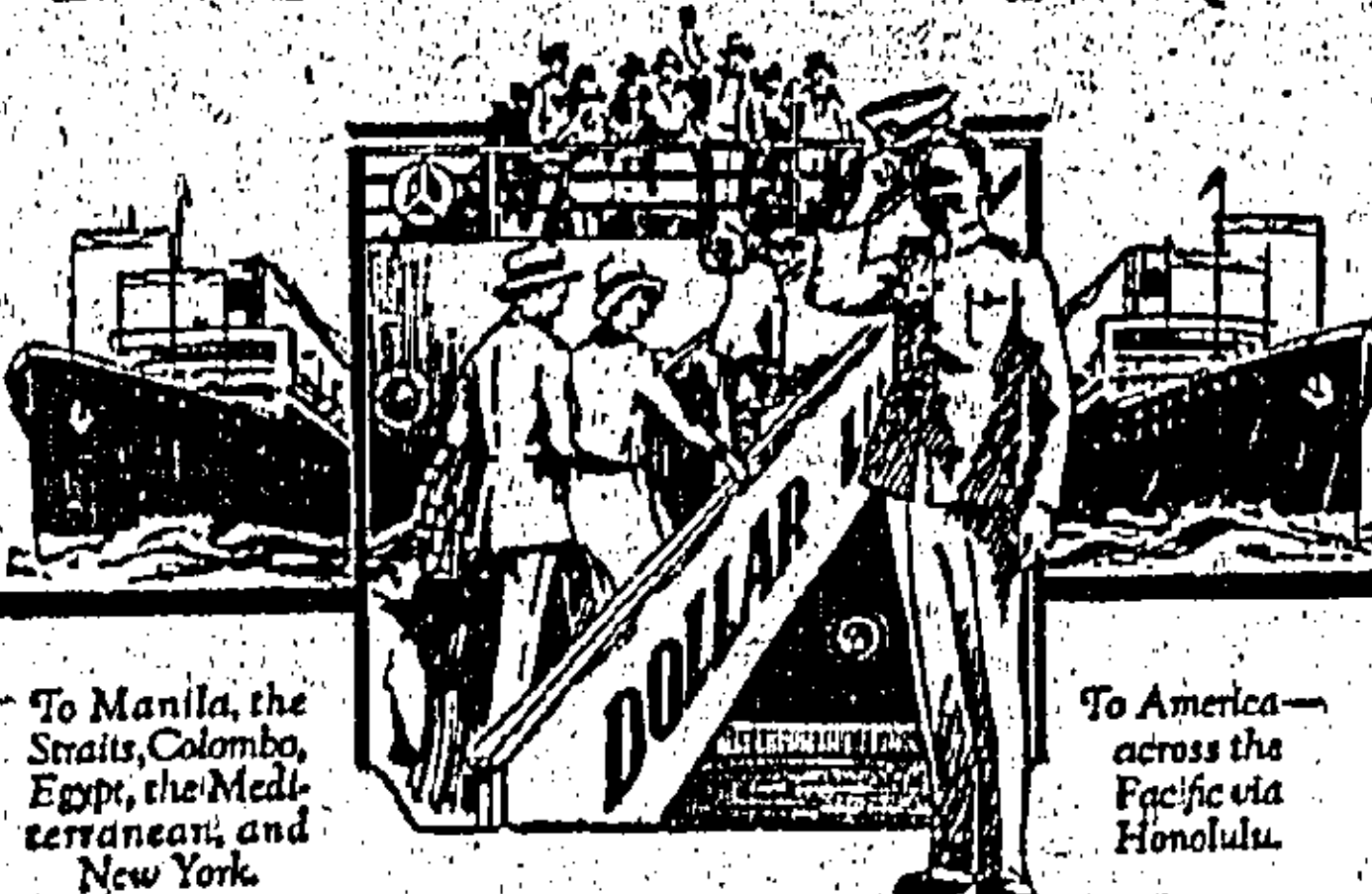
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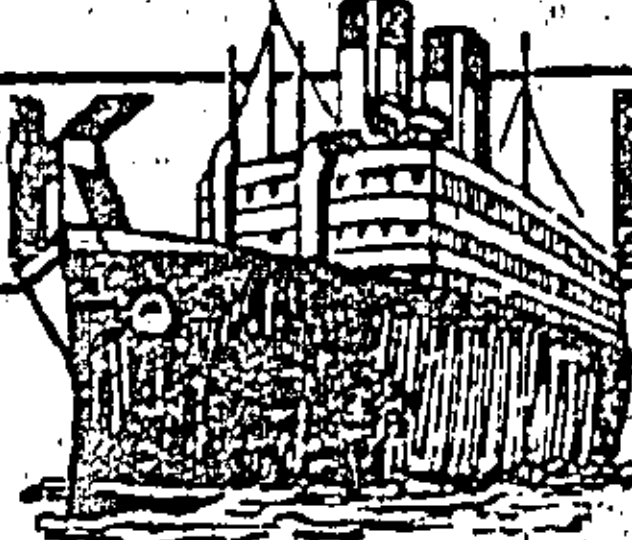
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EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Nov. 27	Nov. 30	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 16
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EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Mar. 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 22
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 5
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 19
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Apr. 16	Apr. 19	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	May 5
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	Jun. 3	Jun. 5	Jun. 14
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Indeed, from the first accounts of the discovery it appears that Sir Arthur Keith was in hopes that the Palestine find would represent something more—an intermediate type of creature which would help to bridge the gap between the crude humanity of Neanderthal skull, and the more advanced Aurignacian men who were the ancestors of the Europeans who have shed these eyebrow ridges and acquired a brow and a history. This hope appears to have been unjustified. The Palestine skull still stands for our oldest inhabitant, but it is interesting to find him also figuring as the earliest Cannanite.—Ex.

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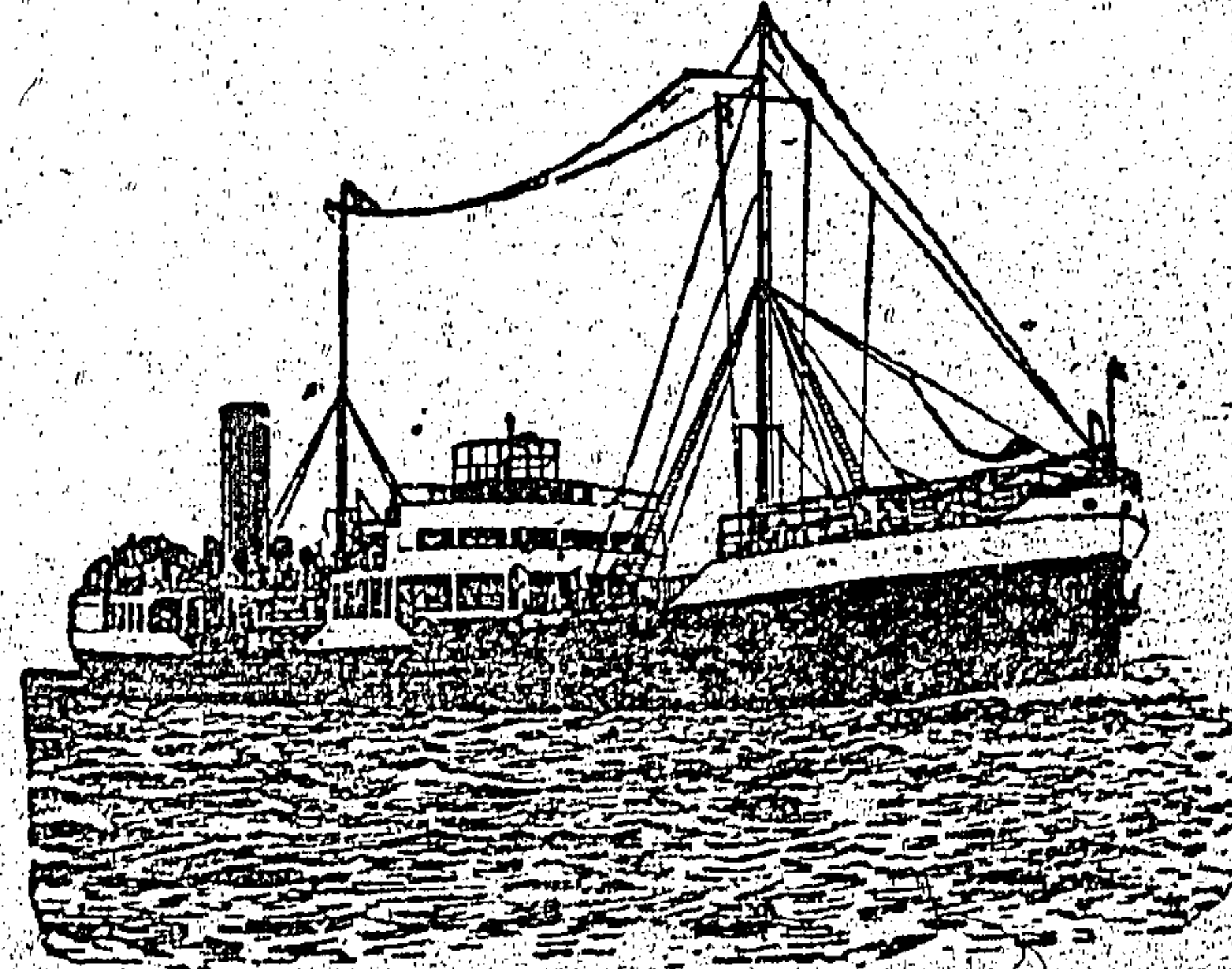
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INTERPORT BOWLS.

HONGKONG'S BIG WIN.

A QUESTION OF PSYCHOLOGY.

Winning by a margin of 20 shots, the Hongkong Interport Lawn Bowls team made themselves appear very much more superior than they actually were when they met the Shanghai bowlers on the Taikoo green yesterday afternoon. Hongkong deserved to win, and to win handsomely, but the figures of 28 points to 8 would seem to indicate a very much wider disparity than there really was.

Except for the first few opening heads, Hongkong's team played like winners all through the afternoon, whereas the Shanghai four, once they began to lose, took the matter over seriously and struggled against themselves as well as against their opponents. It was the old story of bowls psychology or temperament—nothing succeeding like success. Even after the tea interval, a fateful spell in so many cases, Hongkong could do but little wrong and went ahead until the score made the last few heads a matter of routine.

To deal with the players in couples, Marshall, a veteran player and an old Interport visitor, was not a sound No. 1. He began extremely well and was better than Atkinson, Hongkong's No. 1, for a while. But he seemed to lose nicety of judgment, especially in the matter of length, and Atkinson was, on the play as a whole, much more often lying the shot. As regards the No. 2's, Clarke, for Hongkong, played perhaps the best game of any man in both teams. He was on top form, never made a mistake, and was equally at home either in long or short heads. Johnson, for Shanghai, like Marshall, began extremely well but was overshadowed by Clarke. He made some delightful draws during the afternoon's play, but was against a man who did not really give him a look in. Green, the Craighower representative, was also in splendid form, and was frequently applauded for the finesse of his work. He was master of the green—its strength, and its draw on either fore or back hand—and proved a tower of strength to his skip, Main.

For Shanghai, played against odds. At times he was good but he seemed keyed up a little too much and did not uniformly give of his best. At least twice he failed rather badly. When one comes to speak of the skips, there is a lot to be borne in mind. Ferguson rarely went down to the delivery end to save the score but to protect or add to it, whereas Phillips had a much different proposition—and bowlers know all about that. As it generally happens in such a case, the skip of the winning team could do no wrong, and it certainly must be said that Ferguson played a really great game, often re-making the score after Phillips had disturbed things. Phillips did not show up well, although there were times when he had the hardest of luck, just missing the object by inches. In every bowls match, somebody has to have the luck of the game, and Hongkong certainly had it yesterday in addition to playing their best.

Pressure on our space to-day forbids a detailed resume of the

game, head by head. Shanghai won the toss and opened the score with a "2", and repeated the number in the second head, thanks to fine play by Phillips. Hongkong then scored a brace, and the fourth head saw a "no score" decision by the umpires, even after the use of callipers. At the fifth head, Shanghai added a single, and this was the last time they scored until the 17th head. Hongkong dominated the play, adding one's and two's and, on one occasion, a four. At the tea interval, the score stood at 16-5, after which it was carried to 25-5 before Shanghai broke the spell with a single. At the 19th head, Shanghai scored two, but Hongkong added singles in the last two heads and the game closed with the score reading—Hongkong 28; Shanghai 8.

The Taikoo Recreation Club had made wonderfully complete and generous arrangements; there was a crowd of fully two hundred people present representing every Club in the Colony; Messrs. Lapsley and Grimmer were efficient umpires; and the weather was all that could have been desired. It was a well-staged and conducted Interport, and the pity of it was that Shanghai should have been so totally eclipsed.

Detailed Scores.

The following are the detailed scores:

Hongkong.		Shanghai	
C. Atkinson.	No. 1.	F. L. Marshall.	No. 1.
A. Clark.	No. 2.	G. Johnson.	No. 2.
G. Green.	No. 3.	T. G. Main.	No. 3.
J. Ferguson.	Skip.	R. Phillips.	Skip.
Heads.	Shots.	Heads.	Shots.
1	—	2	2
2	—	3	4
3	2	4	—
4	—	5	—
5	—	6	—
6	—	7	—
7	—	8	—
8	—	9	—
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11	—	12	—
12	—	13	—
13	—	14	—
14	—	15	—
15	—	16	—
16	—	17	—
17	—	18	—
18	—	19	—
19	—	20	—
20	—	21	—
21	—	22	—

To-day's Match.

Shanghai will play the Kowloon Cricket Club to-day, the team being as follows:

Kowloon C.C.		Shanghai	
J. Fraser.	No. 1.	R. Phillips.	No. 1.
A. O'Brien.	No. 2.	C. A. Pratt.	No. 2.
J. Hyde.	No. 3.	A. McLeod.	No. 3.
J. Gibson.	Skip.	T. G. Main.	Skip.

entirely between themselves. It would be the best way out of the present tangle.

There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the Recreation Ground Committee. It is an unofficial body which makes recommendations to the Governor-in-Council. The H. K. F. A. not being a club is not represented but they were able to influence the clubs last season into a unanimous assent to their control of the grounds, allotted to clubs under their jurisdiction. When two prominent clubs, the Navy and Army, raised an objection, the Committee was obliged to cancel the previous vote, and to erase the asterisks and footnote. The Committee is waiting for result of this evening's meeting before its recommendations go into Council, and it is entirely erroneous to allege any wrong action on the part of the Government since the Colonial Secretary wrote to Mr. Hollands in his capacity as chairman of the R.G.C.

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

The Association Meeting—
A Retraction?—Question
of Etc.

[BY "WANDERER."]]

Though they could scarcely be censured for wishing to delay the inevitable interview with the members of the Hongkong Football Association as long as possible, the "representatives of the Navy and Army" would perhaps be well advised to be early at this afternoon's important meeting. The situation is pregnant with possibilities and should the members feel an urgent desire to kiss them, it might be more suitable as a spectacle if the Navy and Army were to greet each delegate individually as he came through the door.

Meanwhile we would like (and we cannot be prevented) to caution against unnecessary "hot air." The meeting is one of great importance and its result, insofar as it affects the Association's position in official circles, may be very far reaching. It is now our opinion, however, that the whole thing is about to fizzle out, and that the Association's status as well as its position in relation to grounds, will be as prior to the outbreak. More's the pity that the issue was ever raised.

There will no doubt be two or three present who are prepared to get on their feet and, tell the meeting nothing more helpful than their candid opinion of the person who made the statement at the Recreation Grounds Committee meeting that the Association is not the controlling body of football in the Colony. To call a person an ass may convey the speaker's meaning thoroughly but it neither establishes anything nor proves anything, and furthermore it indicates mental incapacity.

We are continually digressing, but to proceed a little further, we are given to understand, on very reliable authority that it is the intention of the representative of the Garrison Recreation Club to limit to the meeting that somebody blundered and that the G. R. C. does recognise the H. K. F. A. to be the governing body of football here. The Association however must not be satisfied with a retraction which goes no farther than that. It must be made clear to the Army and Navy (the Navy cannot be separated from the issue though we understand that in the first place it was an Army manoeuvre) that the objection to the asterisks and footnote on the recommendations of the Recreation Grounds Committee, must be withdrawn, and that they must concur in their restoration.

In conversation yesterday an official of a local club suggested that the Garrison would probably stand by their guns, but as they probably realise more than anyone outside, the heavy artillery is all on the side of the Association, and a stand would only bring drastic action on the part of the F. A. which would seriously inconvenience the G. R. C. for the coming season at least.

Of course if the Association and the G. R. C. or any other interested body, come to some amicable arrangement in respect of their grounds, that is a matter (Continued on Previous Column)

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